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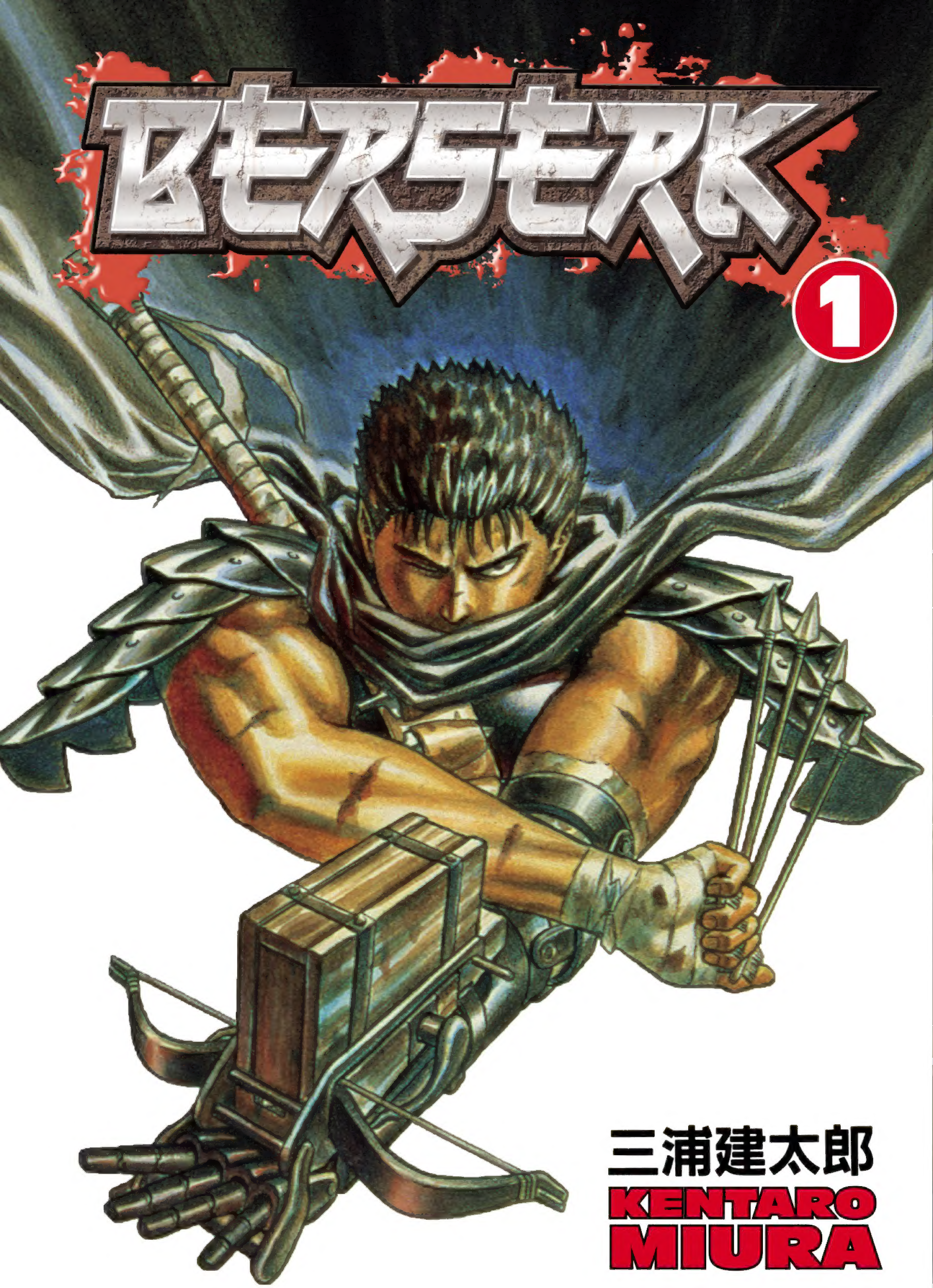

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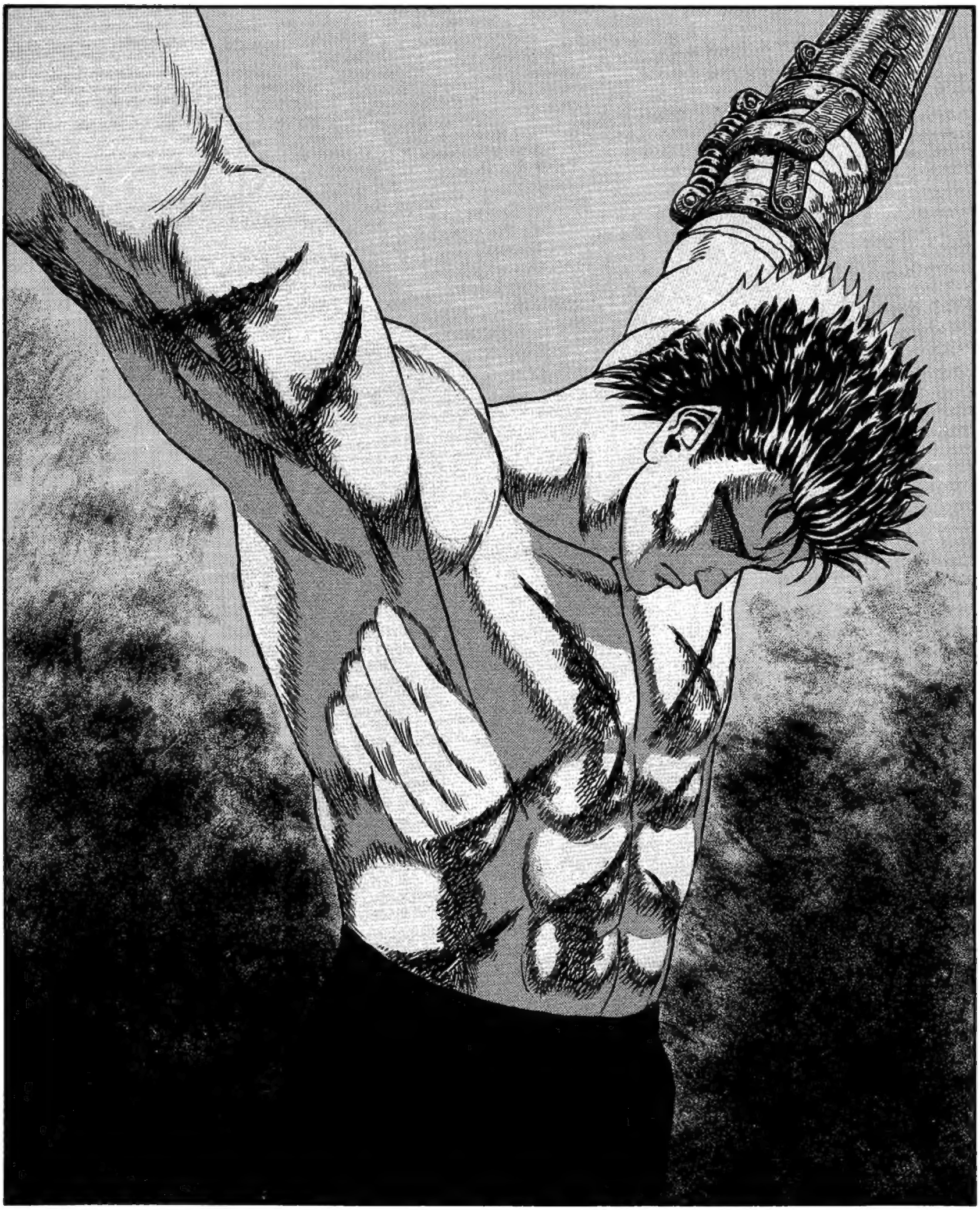

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ギシ
バキ
バキ
YES...
YESSSSS!
ビキ ビキ

ベルセルク

黒い剣士

THE BLACK SWORDSMAN

YOU FELL INTO MY TRAP, FOOL!!
THE ONLY ONE TRAPPED IS *YOU*, BITCH!
THIS IS YOUR LAST TASTE OF HEAVEN BEFORE I SEND YOU TO HELL!
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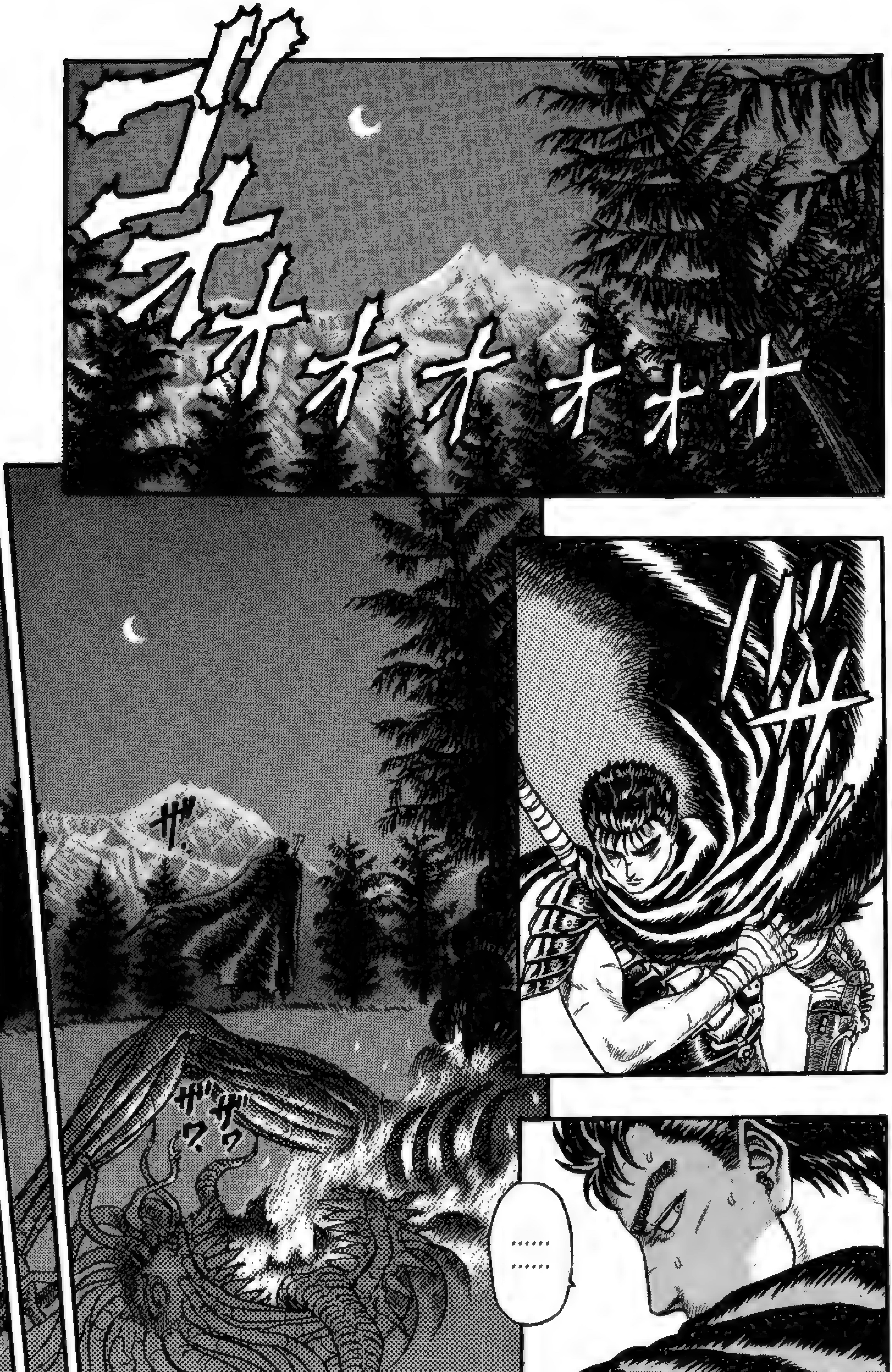
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ガラ ガラ ガラ ガラ…
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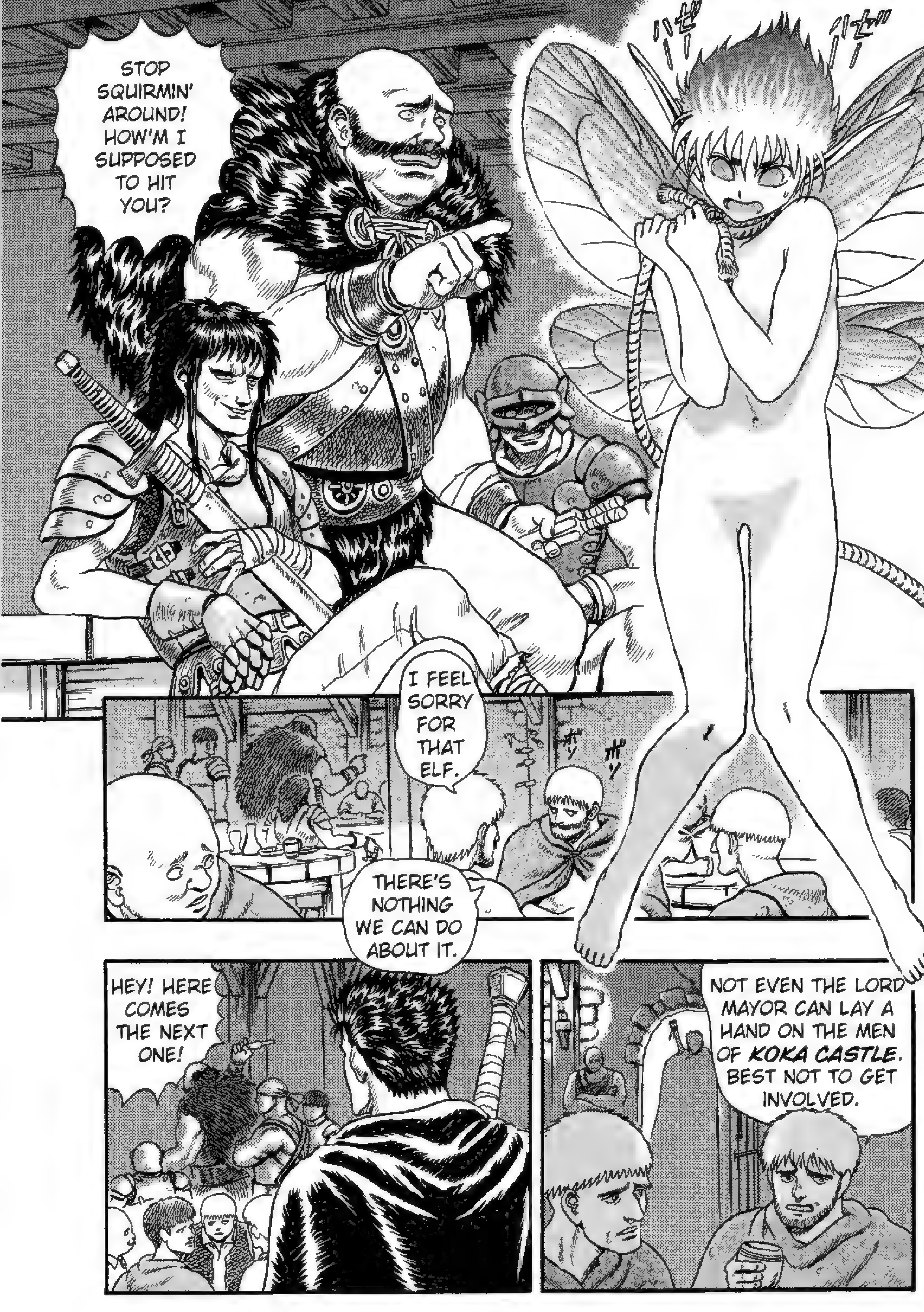
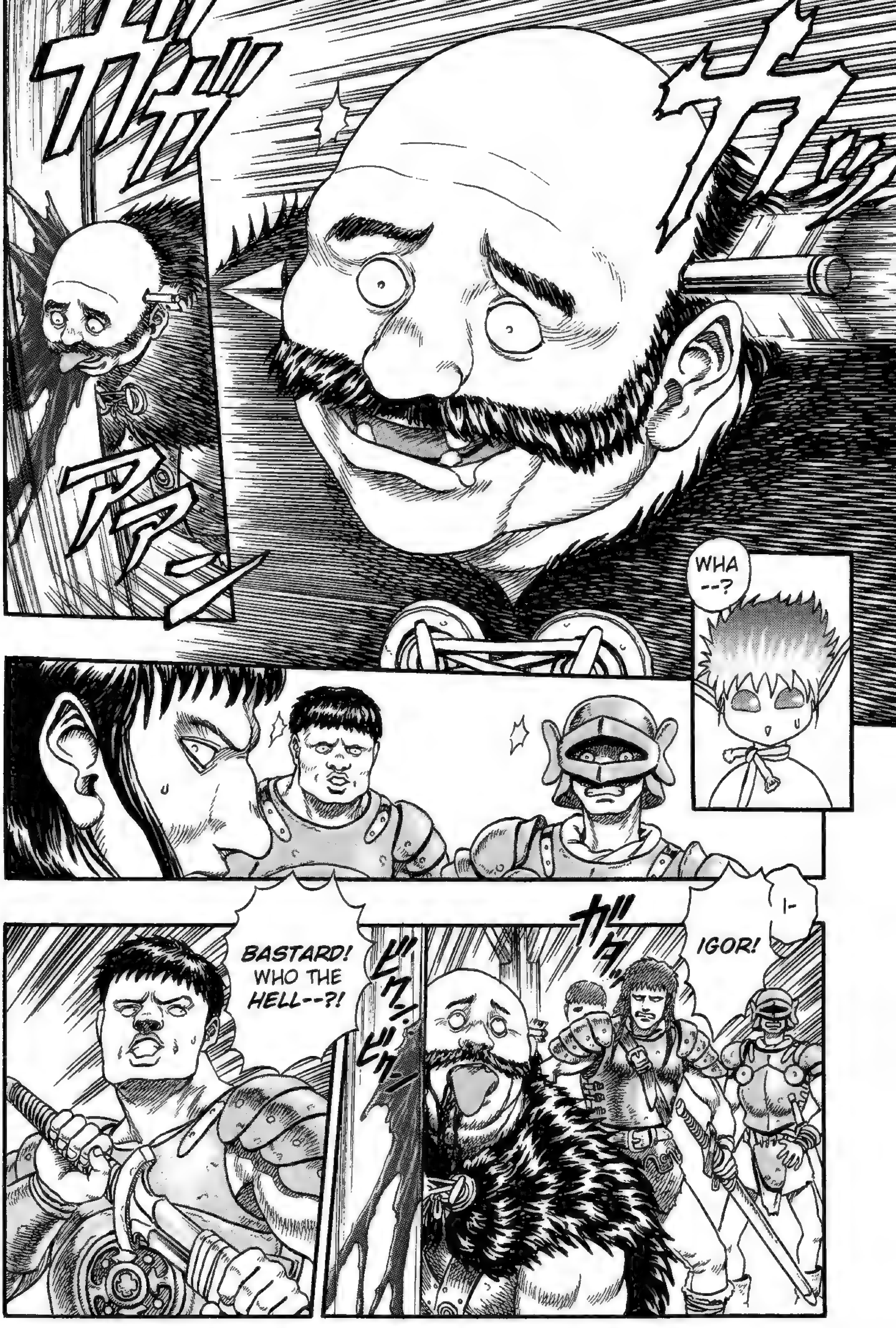
ガラガラガラ
AHH!
ズダッ
OH, YOU MISSED!
DAMN!!
ギャハハハ
ビィィィィーン…


STOP SQUIRMIN' AROUND! HOW'M I SUPPOSED TO HIT YOU?
I FEEL SORRY FOR THAT ELF.
THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO ABOUT IT.
NOT EVEN THE LORD MAYOR CAN LAY A HAND ON THE MEN OF *KOKA CASTLE*. BEST NOT TO GET INVOLVED.
HEY! HERE COMES THE NEXT ONE!

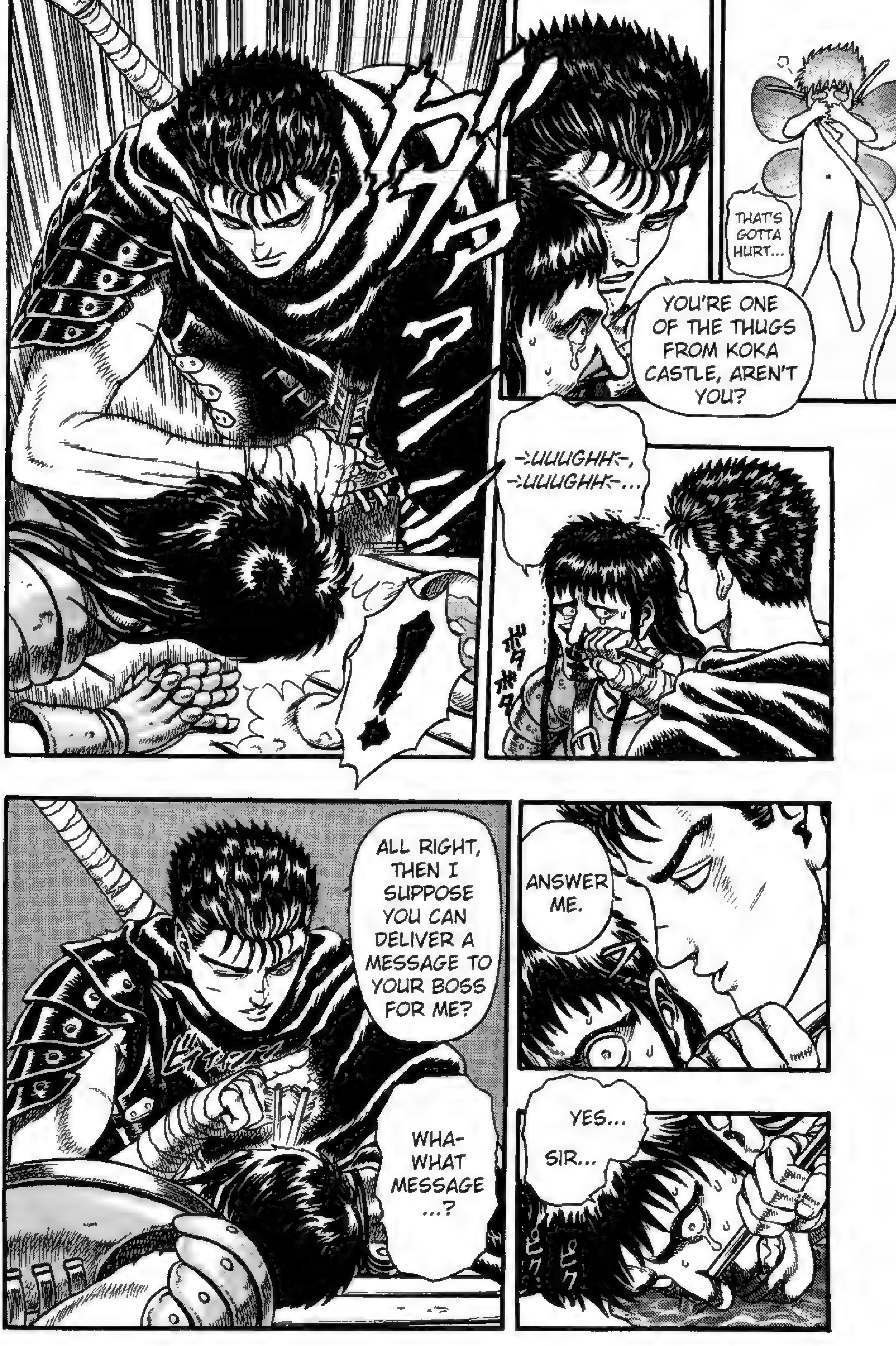
ガタ
I'M GONNA MESS UP YOUR SHOP A BIT.
HUH?
!
ガチャ。
BRING IT ON, FATHEAD!
ギリギリ
WHY DONCHA UNTIE ME?!
I'M GONNA STUFF THOSE WORDS RIGHT BACK DOWN YOUR THROAT! NOW STOP WIGGLIN'!
ヒャッ ヒャッ
I'LL GNAW RIGHT THROUGH YOUR ARTERIES!
WAAHHHHH!
NO NO NO NO NO NO!
ジタバタジタバタジタバタ


WHA --?
I-
IGOR!
ガタ
ビクッ ビクッ
BASTARD! WHO THE HELL--?!

ドドドド
AH!
ザクァァァン

ガチャ...

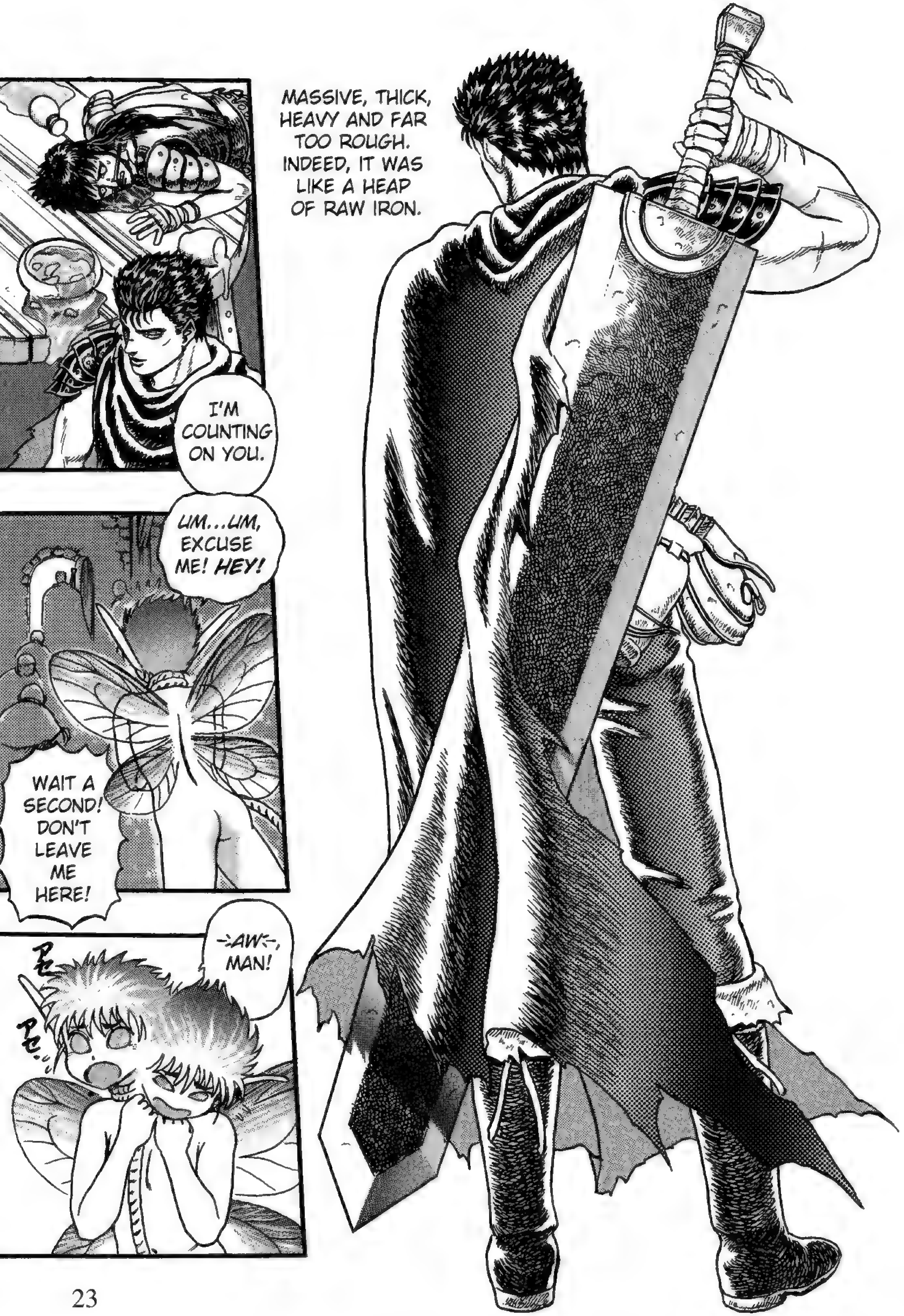
......
ザワ ザワ
UHH...
GAAAAAH!
AH...


THAT'S GOTTA HURT...
YOU'RE ONE OF THE THUGS FROM KOKA CASTLE, AREN'T YOU?
UUUGHH, UUUGHH...
ボタ ボタ
!
ANSWER ME.
YES... SIR...
ピク ピク
ALL RIGHT, THEN I SUPPOSE YOU CAN DELIVER A MESSAGE TO YOUR BOSS FOR ME?
WHA-WHAT MESSAGE...?

THE BLACK SWORDSMAN HAS COME.
THE BLACK... SWORDSMAN...
ザ.
THAT'S ALL.
! BEHIND YOU!

EH?

ギュルルル
UWAAAHHH
ドサッ
IT WAS MUCH TOO BIG TO BE CALLED A SWORD.


MASSIVE, THICK, HEAVY AND FAR TOO ROUGH. INDEED, IT WAS LIKE A HEAP OF RAW IRON.
I'M COUNTING ON YOU.
UM...UM, EXCUSE ME! HEY!
WAIT A SECOND! DON'T LEAVE ME HERE!
~AW~, MAN!
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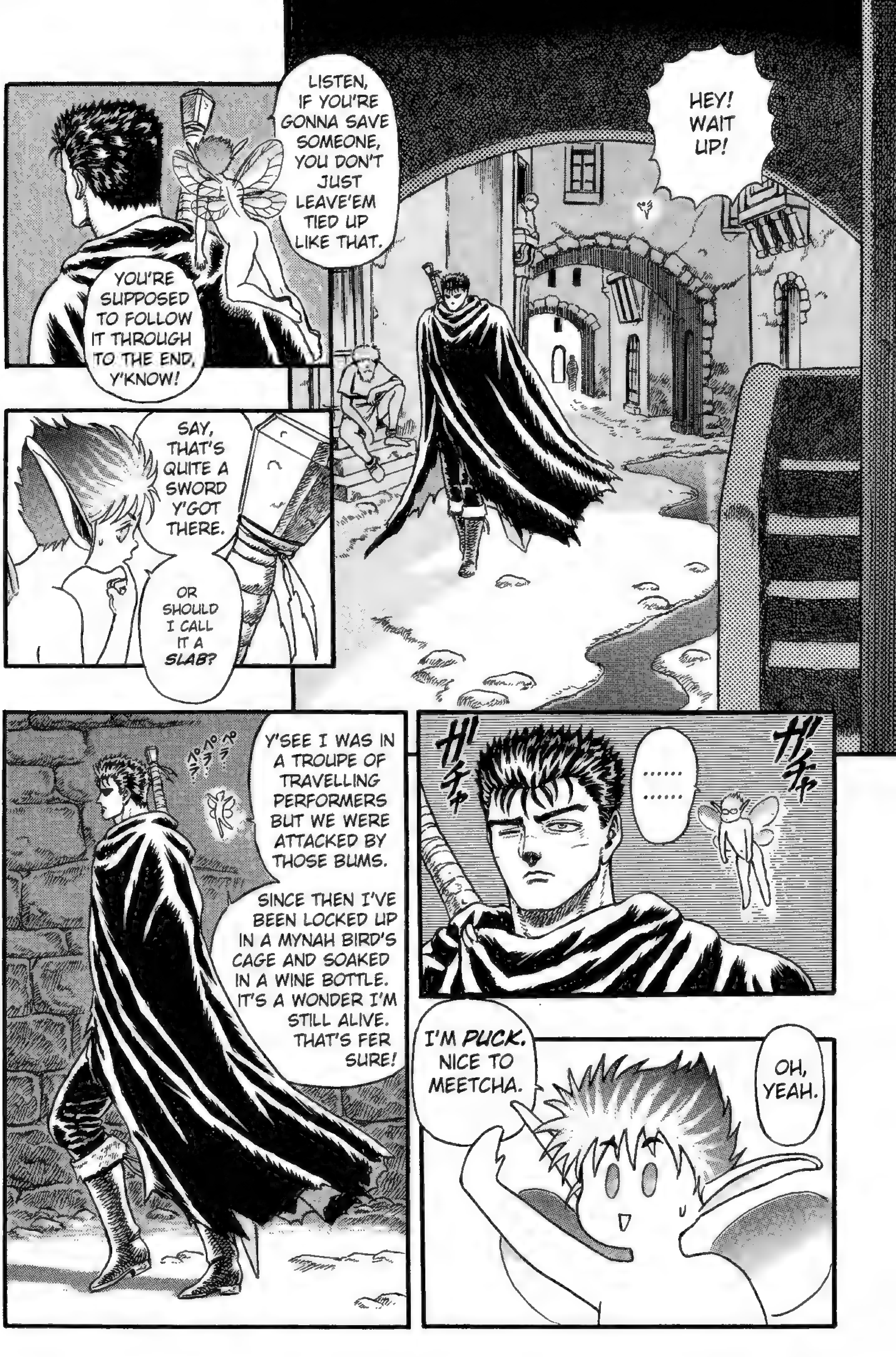
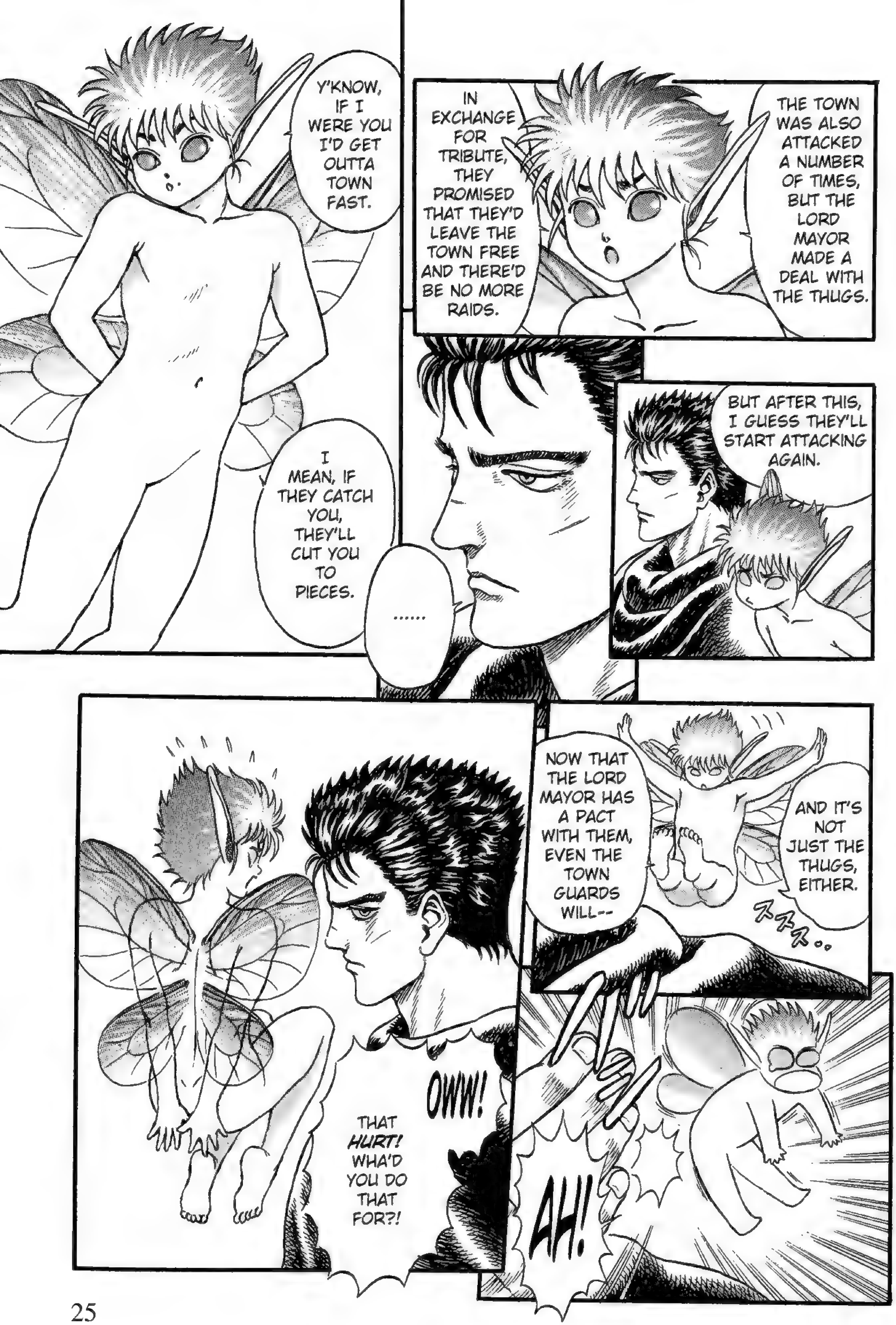
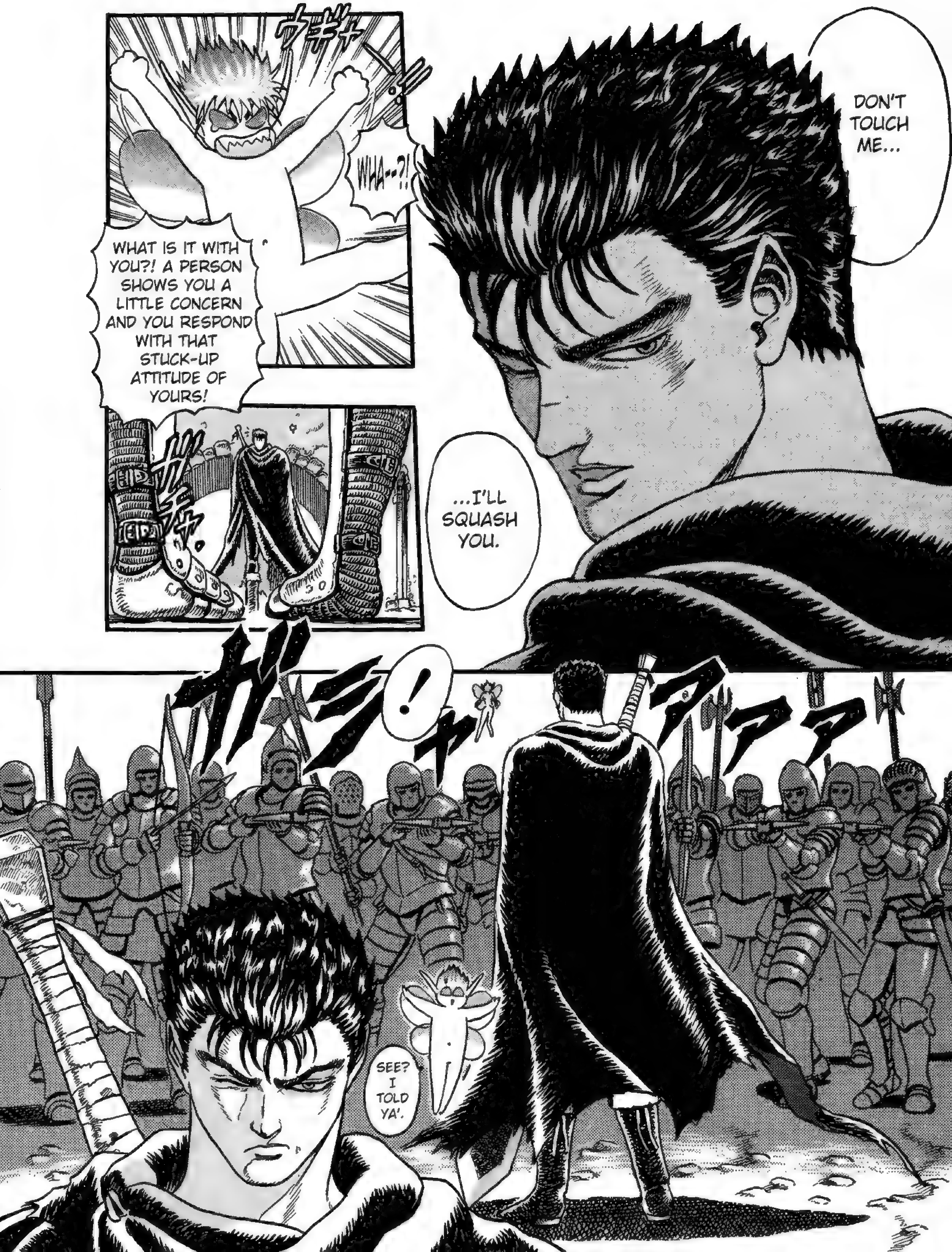

HEY! WAIT UP!
LISTEN, IF YOU'RE GONNA SAVE SOMEONE, YOU DON'T JUST LEAVE'EM TIED UP LIKE THAT.
YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO FOLLOW IT THROUGH TO THE END, Y'KNOW!
SAY, THAT'S QUITE A SWORD Y'GOT THERE.
OR SHOULD I CALL IT A *SLAB?*
ペラペラ ペラペラ
Y'SEE I WAS IN A TROUPE OF TRAVELLING PERFORMERS BUT WE WERE ATTACKED BY THOSE BUMS.
SINCE THEN I'VE BEEN LOCKED UP IN A MYNAH BIRD'S CAGE AND SOAKED IN A WINE BOTTLE. IT'S A WONDER I'M STILL ALIVE. THAT'S FER SURE!
ガチャ
ガチャ
....
I'M *PUCK.* NICE TO MEETCHA.
OH, YEAH.


THE TOWN WAS ALSO ATTACKED A NUMBER OF TIMES, BUT THE LORD MAYOR MADE A DEAL WITH THE THUGS.
IN EXCHANGE FOR TRIBUTE, THEY PROMISED THAT THEY'D LEAVE THE TOWN FREE AND THERE'D BE NO MORE RAIDS.
BUT AFTER THIS, I GUESS THEY'LL START ATTACKING AGAIN.
......
Y'KNOW, IF I WERE YOU I'D GET OUTTA TOWN FAST.
I MEAN, IF THEY CATCH YOU, THEY'LL CUT YOU TO PIECES.
AND IT'S NOT JUST THE THUGS, EITHER.
NOW THAT THE LORD MAYOR HAS A PACT WITH THEM, EVEN THE TOWN GUARDS WILL--
ススス。。
AH!
OWW!
THAT *HURT!* WHA'D YOU DO THAT FOR?!


DON'T TOUCH ME...
...I'LL SQUASH YOU.
ウギャー
WHA--?!
WHAT IS IT WITH YOU?! A PERSON SHOWS YOU A LITTLE CONCERN AND YOU RESPOND WITH THAT STUCK-UP ATTITUDE OF YOURS!
SEE? I TOLD YA'.

WELL... GOTTA GO.
DAMN.
ボタ ボタ

HMPH!
YER A STUBBORN BASTARD, Y'NOW THAT?!
AIN'CHA EVEN GONNA MAKE A LITTLE NOISE?
HUH?
!
YOU ...
... BASTARD!
STOP!
!

M'LORD!
!
THAT'S ENOUGH FOR NOW.
THAT STOCKPILE OF WEAPONS, IT BELONGS TO THIS MAN?
YES, **LORD MAYOR.** ENOUGH WEAPONS TO START HIS OWN WAR. CRAZY BASTARD.
YOU! ARE YOU A MERCENARY?
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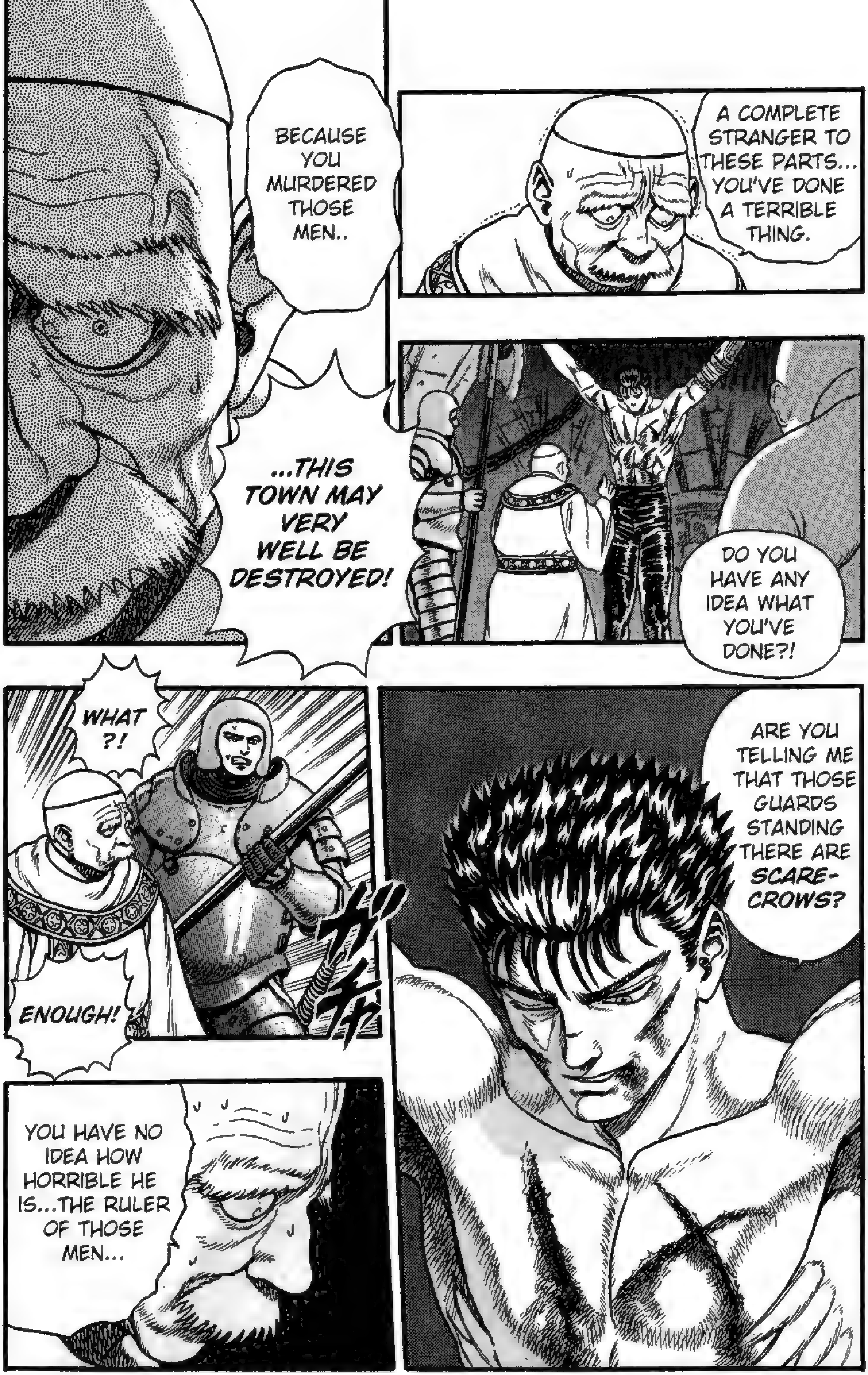
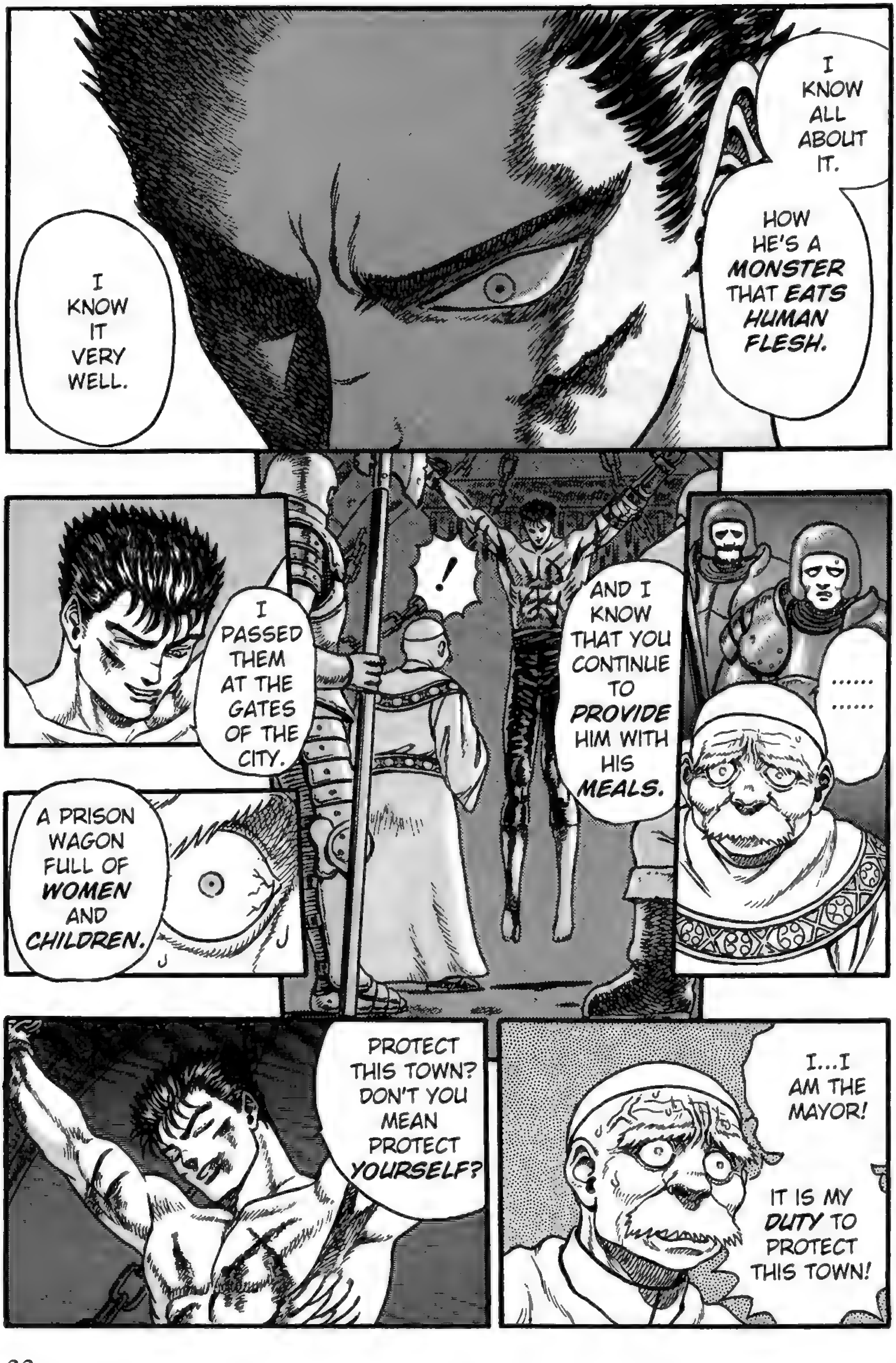

A COMPLETE STRANGER TO THESE PARTS... YOU'VE DONE A TERRIBLE THING.
BECAUSE YOU MURDERED THOSE MEN..
...THIS TOWN MAY VERY WELL BE DESTROYED!
DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT YOU'VE DONE?!
ARE YOU TELLING ME THAT THOSE GUARDS STANDING THERE ARE *SCARE-CROWS?*
WHAT?!
ENOUGH!
YOU HAVE NO IDEA HOW HORRIBLE HE IS...THE RULER OF THOSE MEN...

NO ONE CAN KILL HIM... AT LEAST, NOT ANYONE *HUMAN.*
HE...THAT THING... IS BEYOND HUMAN. IT'S SOMETHING HORRIBLE AND INCOMPREHENSIBLE. A CREATURE FROM THE VERY DEPTHS OF THE PIT...
HOW COULD *YOU* UNDERSTAND?!
A WANDERING *VAGRANT* LIKE YOURSELF...!
I UNDERSTAND.
!
I SEE. SO THAT'S WHY YOU MADE YOUR DIRTY DEAL WITH HIM.


I KNOW ALL ABOUT IT.
HOW HE'S A *MONSTER* THAT *EATS HUMAN FLESH.*
I KNOW IT VERY WELL.
I PASSED THEM AT THE GATES OF THE CITY.
A PRISON WAGON FULL OF *WOMEN* AND *CHILDREN.*
!
AND I KNOW THAT YOU CONTINUE TO *PROVIDE* HIM WITH HIS *MEALS.*
......
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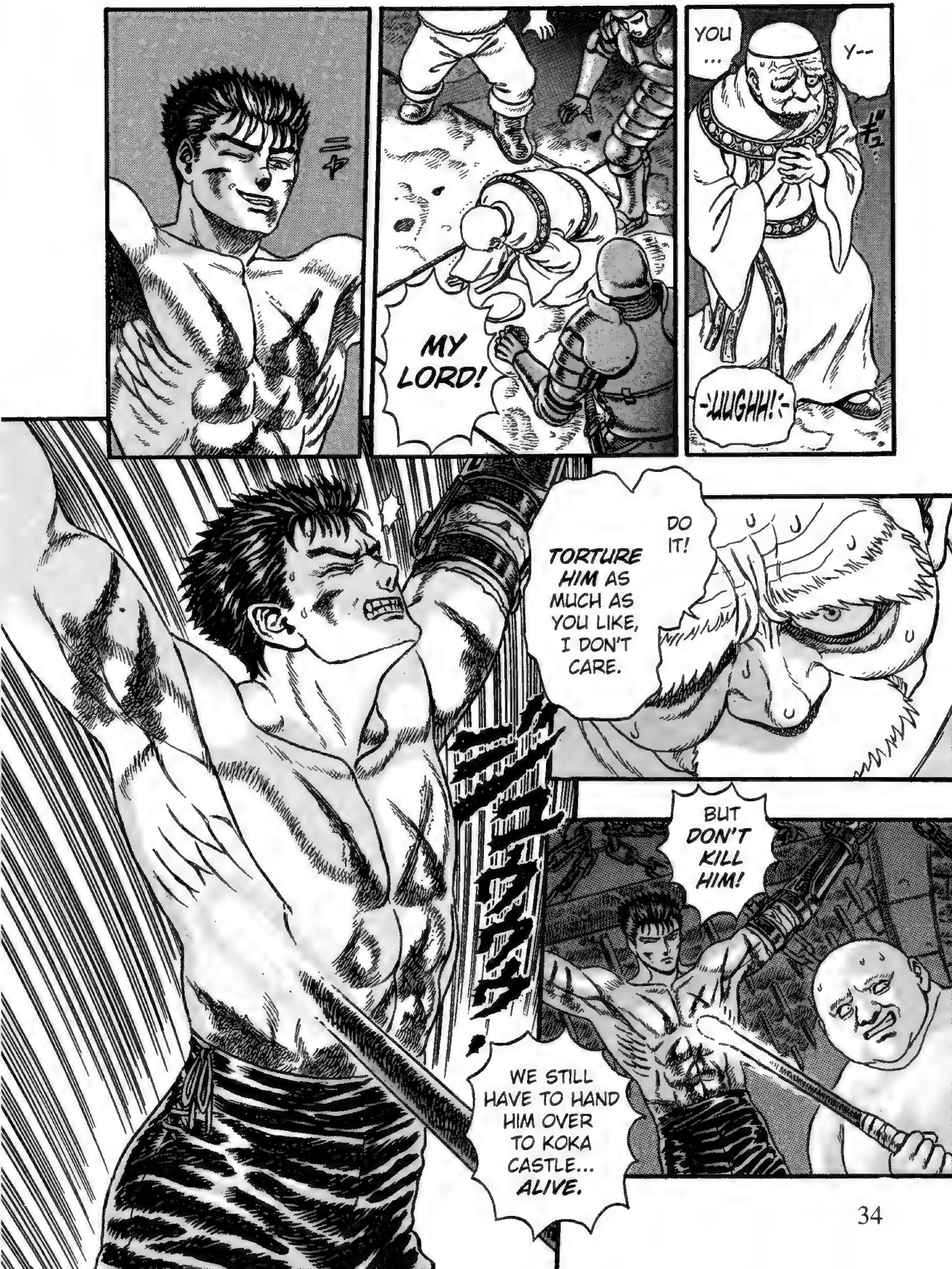
I...I AM THE MAYOR!
IT IS MY *DUTY* TO PROTECT THIS TOWN!
PROTECT THIS TOWN? DON'T YOU MEAN PROTECT *YOURSELF?*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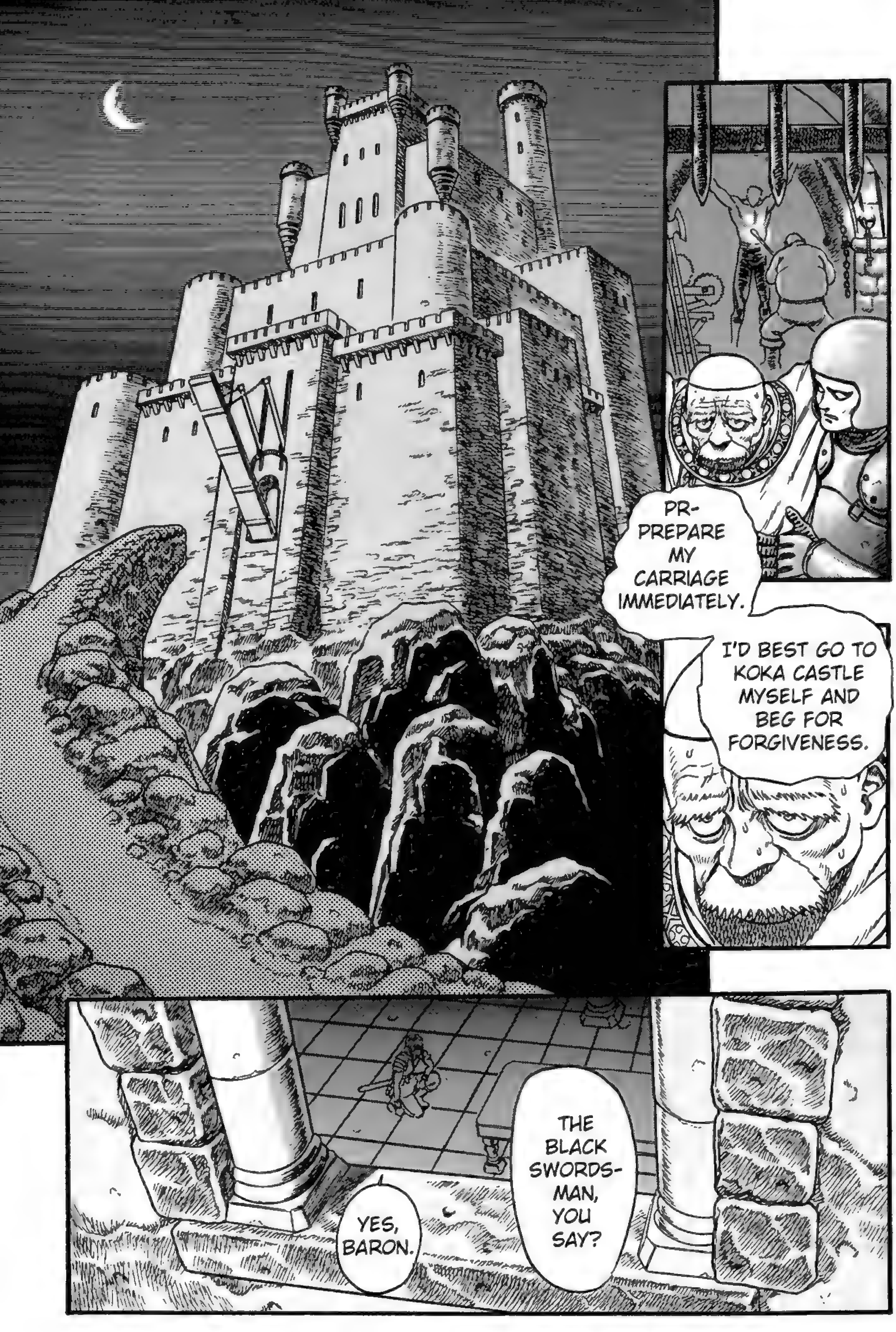
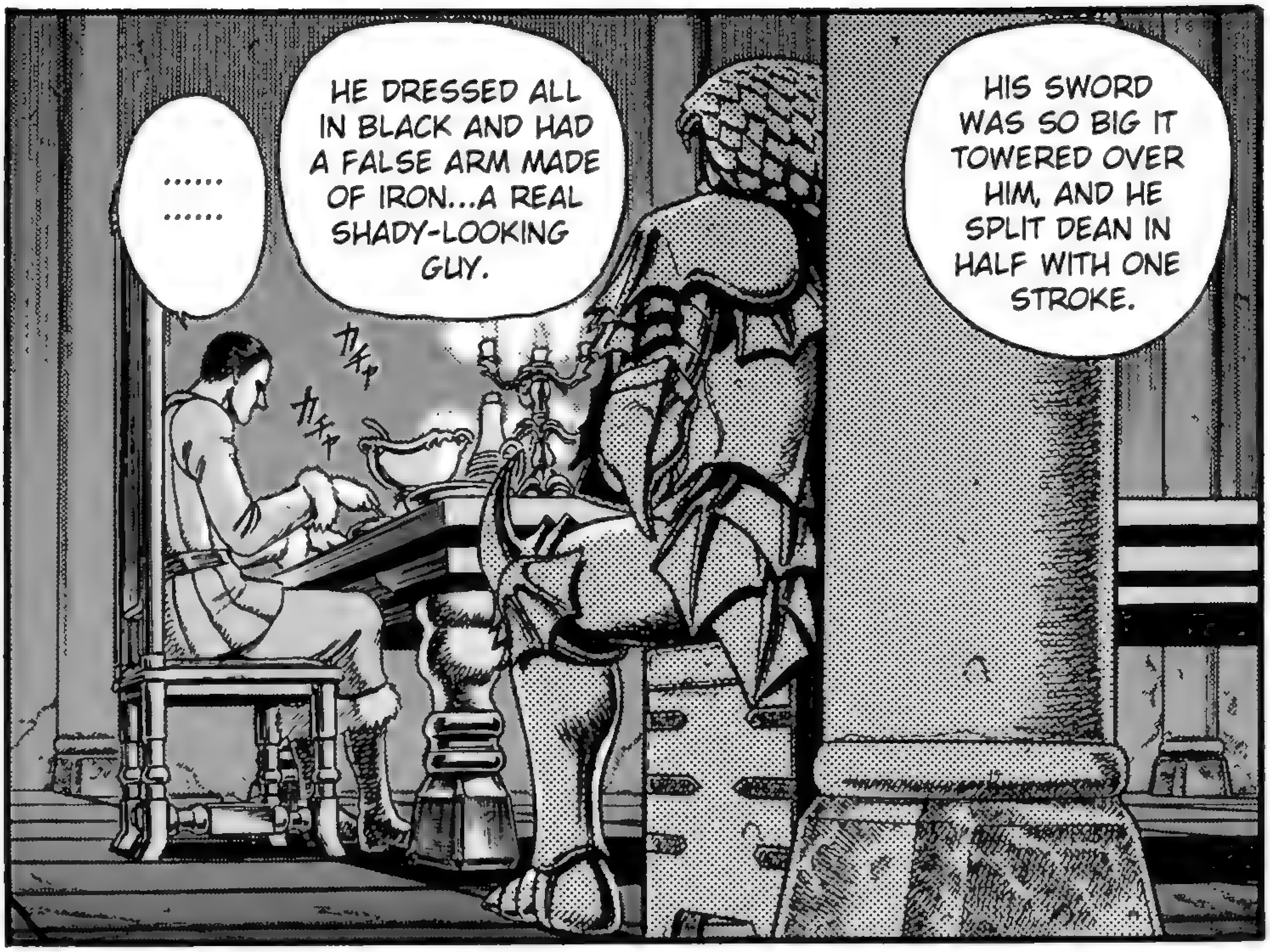
MY LORD!
YOU ...
Y--
ギュ
-UUGHH!-
DO IT!
TORTURE HIM AS MUCH AS YOU LIKE, I DON'T CARE.
BUT DON'T KILL HIM!
WE STILL HAVE TO HAND HIM OVER TO KOKA CASTLE... ALIVE.


PR-PREPARE MY CARRIAGE IMMEDIATELY.
I'D BEST GO TO KOKA CASTLE MYSELF AND BEG FOR FORGIVENESS.
THE BLACK SWORDSMAN, YOU SAY?
YES, BARON.


HIS SWORD WAS SO BIG IT TOWERED OVER HIM, AND HE SPLIT DEAN IN HALF WITH ONE STROKE.
HE DRESSED ALL IN BLACK AND HAD A FALSE ARM MADE OF IRON...A REAL SHADY-LOOKING GUY.
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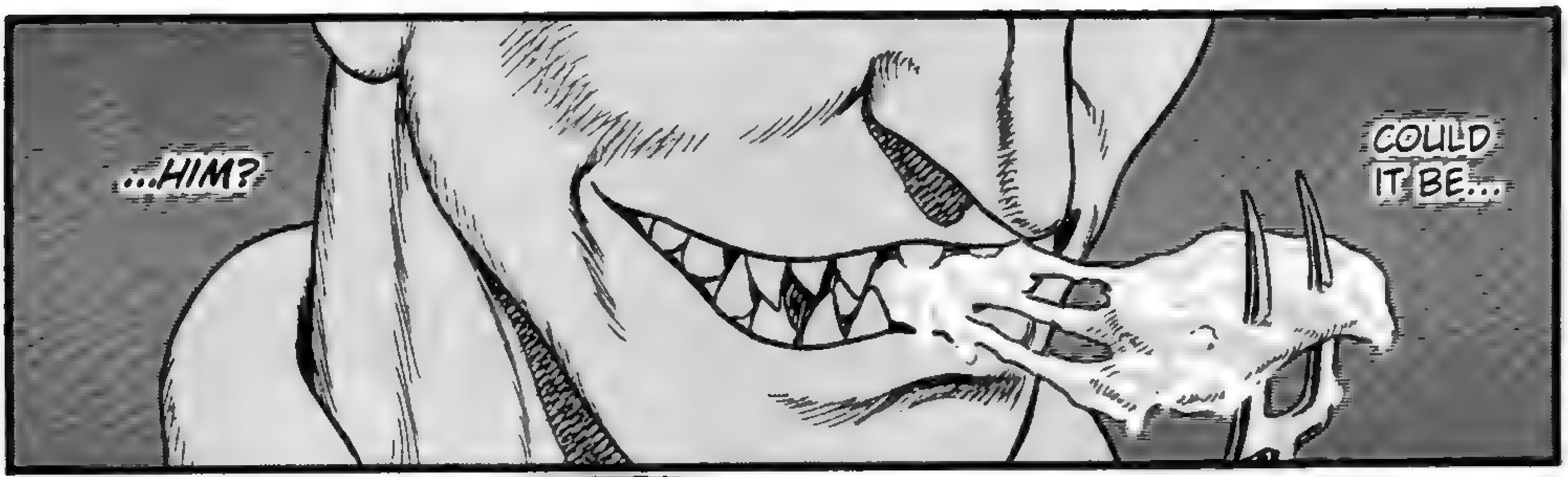
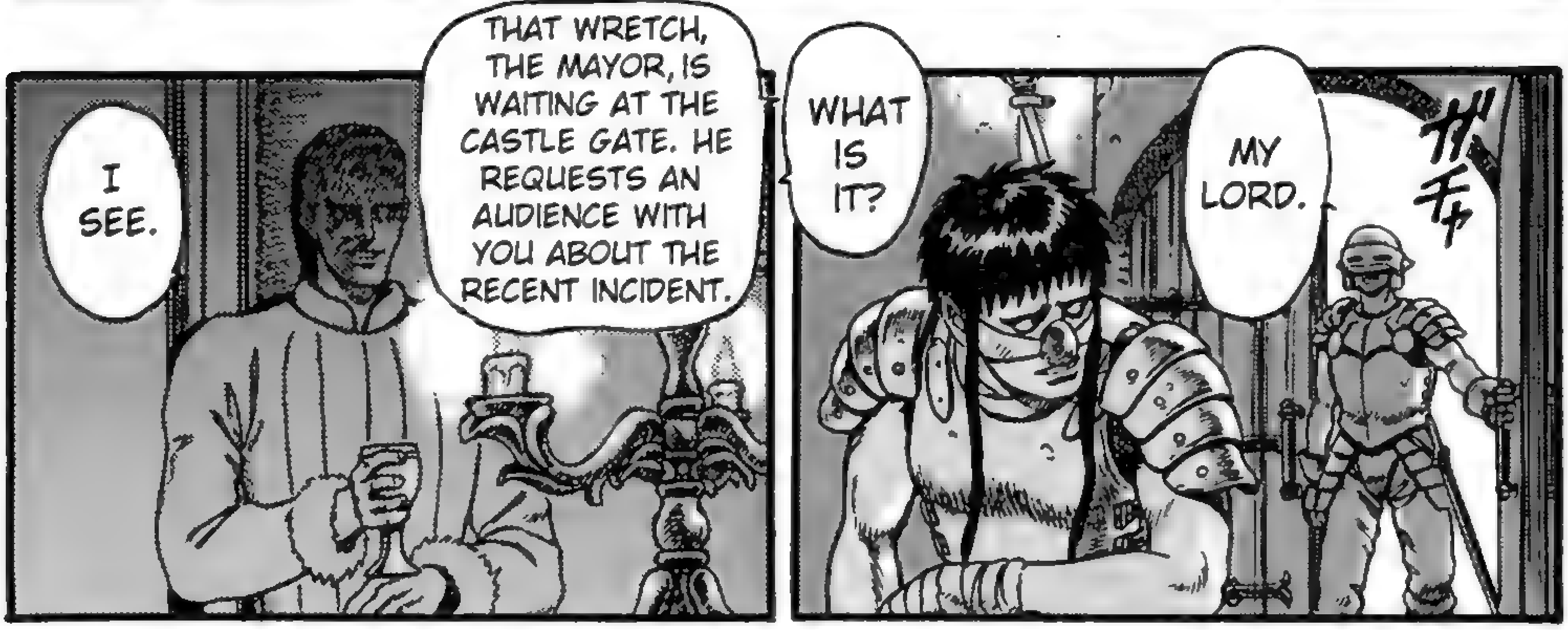

COULD IT BE...
...HIM?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MY LORD.
WHAT IS IT?
THAT WRETCH, THE MAYOR, IS WAITING AT THE CASTLE GATE. HE REQUESTS AN AUDIENCE WITH YOU ABOUT THE RECENT INCIDENT.
I SEE.

-:GULP:-...
IT'S BEEN AWHILE, MAYOR. HOW GOOD OF YOU TO COME.
Y-YOUR LORDSHIP. I HAVE COME TO ASK FOR YOUR FORGIVENESS FOR THIS RECENT TRANSGRESSION.
THIS WAS THE ACT OF A VAGRANT WHO IS UNFAMILIAR WITH OUR WAYS.
THERE IS NO CONNECTION TO ANY OF THE TOWNSFOLK.
カチャ

I-I'LL GIVE YOU **DOUBLE** THE AMOUNT OF PRISONERS AND GOLD FROM NOW ON!
SO, PLEASE!
UNLIKE BEFORE, YOU'RE NOW WORRIED ABOUT LOSING YOUR ***OWN*** LIFE, AREN'T YOU?
AREN'T YOU, MAYOR?
YOU LOOK TROUBLED.
EH?
!
パ
AH...
ズリ
AHHHHH!
ピチャ

ALL I WISH TO SEE ARE HUMANS WITHIN A FIERY APOCALYPSE. TRYING TO ESCAPE.
ALL I WISH TO HEAR IS THE SOUND OF SNAPPING BONES CRUSHED UNDER THE HOOVES OF HORSES.
GOLD... PRISONERS... I DON'T CARE ABOUT SUCH THINGS.
ガタ..
....
I DON'T EVEN NEED AN EXCUSE.
NONE AT ALL...
....

ガシィィィ
!
WHA-WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
LET GO OF ME!
LET ME GO!
MY... MY LORD!
MY LORD...
バタン
......
THE BLACK SWORDSMAN...?
ゴオオ
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ピチョン
...!
...WHERE AM I?
DAMN! I CAN'T MOVE...
ズキン
-UUUGHH!-
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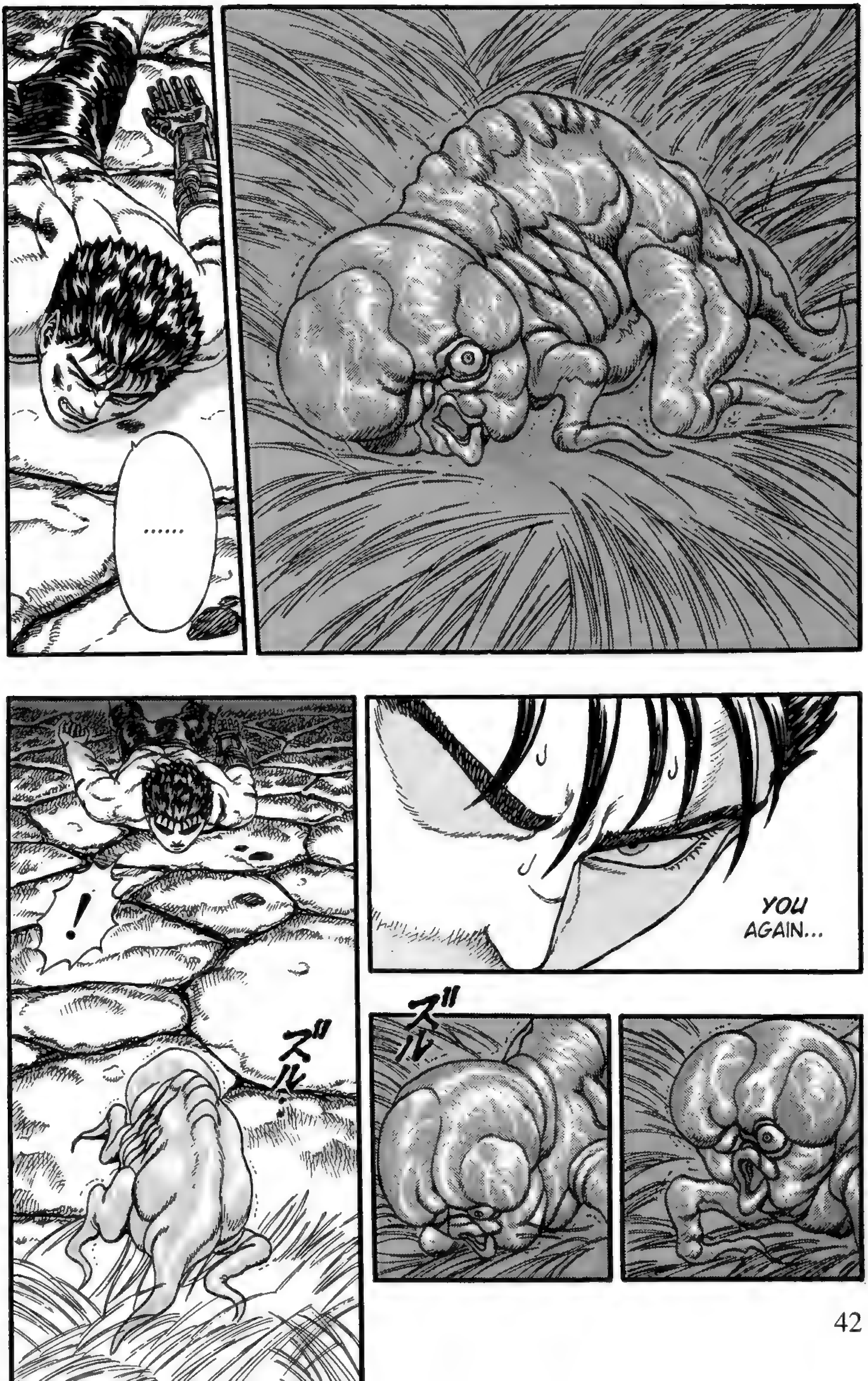
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YOU AGAIN...
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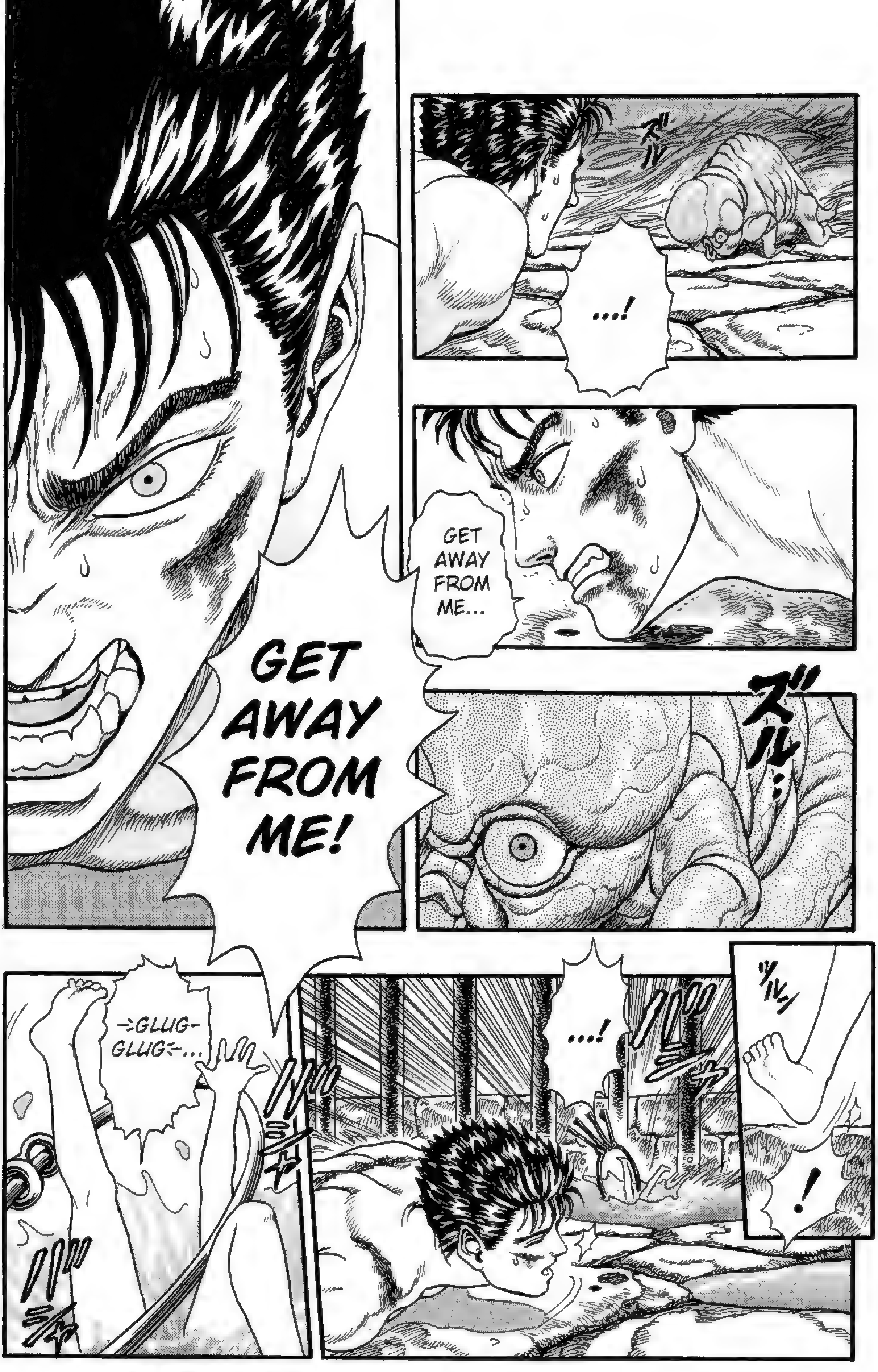
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GET AWAY FROM ME...
GET AWAY FROM ME!
ズル…
ツルッ
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...!
-GLUG-GLUG-...

:KAFF!:
:KAFF!:
WHAT'S WITH THAT ALL OF A SUDDEN?
YOU SCARED THE HELL OUTTA ME!
YOU... FROM THE TAVERN...
HEY! THIS WATER'S KINDA YELLOW... DON'T TELL ME IT'S...
!
HAVE A NIGHTMARE? WOW. THEY REALLY WORKED YOU OVER, DIDN'T THEY?
WELL, REST ASSURED. I GAVE THAT EGGHEAD GUARD A LITTLE SOMETHING TO SLEEP ON.
......
ジャラ ジャラ

WOW! EVERY-WHERE I LOOK YOU'RE COVERED IN WOUNDS!
I TOLD YOU. YOU SHOULD'A LISTENED TO MY ADVICE...
WHAT'D YOU COME HERE FOR?
TO REPAY A DEBT.
WE ELVES HAVE A STRONG SENSE OF DUTY.
HMMM...
NOW, LET'S SEE...
DON'T TOUCH ME!
ビクッ!
DON'T YOU *EVER* TOUCH ME...

THE HELL?!
I AIN'T GONNA DO ANYTHING BAD TO YOU!
オッカネーな
!
-GUH!-
LOOK AT YOURSELF! YOU'RE IN NO POSITION TO GIVE ME THAT KINDA ATTITUDE! NOW BE QUIET AND LET ME HANDLE IT!
STOP ...
...!
ポウウウ…

ポオオオ…
THE PAIN... IT'S DISAPPEARING...
WE ELVES GOT ALL SORTS OF POWERS.
OR AT LEAST THAT'S WHAT OUR TROUPE LEADER SAID BEFORE HE GOT HIS ***HEAD CUT OFF*** BY BANDITS.
WE CAN HEAL WOUNDS, WE CAN SENSE PEOPLE'S EMOTIONS, WE CAN EVEN MAKE PEOPLE ***HAPPY.***
......

SAY, WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
GUTS ...
WHY'D YOU COME TO THIS TOWN, ANYHOW?
......
YOU DON'T HAVE TO ANSWER ...
...IF YOU DON'T WANT TO.
HEY!
WHAT'S *THAT?*
THIS THING ON YOUR NECK THAT LOOKS LIKE A CREST OR SOMETHIN'?

WAAAHHHH!
WHAT'D I DO THIS TIME?!
......
BRAND ...
IT'S THE BRAND.
?
?
THE BRAND? WHAT'S THAT?
WHAT'S IT MEAN?
WHY? HOW'D IT HAPPEN?
WHO DID IT TO YOU? HUH?

ジロ…
YOU TALK TOO MUCH, YOU KNOW THAT?
UH...
YOU'LL FIND OUT SOON ENOUGH!
PRETTY SOON, HE'LL COME HERE TO KILL ME.
OH ...
DOES THAT MEAN IT'S...
...THOSE GUYS FROM KOKA CASTLE?
...AS WELL AS BURN THIS WHOLE TOWN TO THE GROUND.

YOU.. YOU MEAN...
...YOU'RE PLANNING TO DRAG THE TOWNSPEOPLE INTO ALL THIS?!
......
I DON'T *CARE.*
!
......
ALL I WANNA DO IS FIND THAT BASTARD AND *KILL HIM.*
I DON'T CARE ABOUT *ANYTHING* ELSE.

-AHHH-
...
ビリビリ
ANYONE WHO DIES BECAUSE THEY GET CAUGHT UP IN SOMEONE ELSE'S FIGHT IS A SMALL FRY WHO DOESN'T HAVE THE STRENGTH TO SURVIVE IN THE FIRST PLACE.
HIS... HIS *EMOTIONS* ARE POURING INTO ME!
MY CHEST IS BURNING ...!!
IF SOMEONE CAN'T LIVE THEIR LIFE THE WAY THEY PLEASE, THEY MIGHT AS WELL DIE.

IS IT RAGE?
NO, IT'S NOT JUST THAT.
IT'S RAGE, SADNESS, AND FEAR...
...IT'S ALL MIXED TOGETHER SO DARK! AND THERE'S SOMETHING EVEN *DEEPER* THAN THAT...
......
IN THAT CASE...
...WHAT ABOUT WHEN YOU SAVED *ME*?
!
HA HA HA HA HA HA HA!
!

IDIOT! WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?!
YEOWW!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, YOU LITTLE...?!
WHY WOULD ANYONE SAVE YOU?!
TO THINK I'D RISK MY LIFE FOR A LITTLE BUG!
BU--!
!

HEY!
WAIT!
WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING?!
......
DAMN!
WHAT WAS *THAT* ALL ABOUT?!
......

!
ヴァァァ
ズキ
I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU...
......
...HA ...
...HA HA!

HORRIBLE...
ドドドドド
ゾオオォォ
!
ドドドド
ドドドドド

ビチャ
ビチャ
-SLURP-
-SLURP-
WA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA!!

...!
TH-- THAT'S NOT HUMAN!
CHARGE!
BURN EVERYTHING TO THE GROUND!
!

ガチャ
WHA --?!
UNDER THE CORPSES!
GUTS!
ドドドドドドド
-GUUGH-...
-GAAGGH!-

-UGH-...
-GAAAHH!-

WH-WHAT THE HELL KIND OF **CROSSBOW** IS THAT?!
UWAAAHHHH!
YAAAHH!

-EEYAGH!-
WHOAHHH!
HE...
...HE'S SO STROONG!
HAAAAAH!

AHH!
!
ガシャッ
SO YOU'RE THE "BLACK SWORDSMAN," THE ONE WHO'S BEEN HUNTING US APOSTLES.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH...
...BUT TO THINK THAT A ***MERE MORTAL*** CAN OPPOSE US...
ガチャ
...IS PURE FOLLY!

HE DID IT!
M' LORD!
ガチャ..

!
WHA --?!
ドドドドド

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ザッ
ガチャ
ガチャ
……
ソワ
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ガチャ。
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GUTS!
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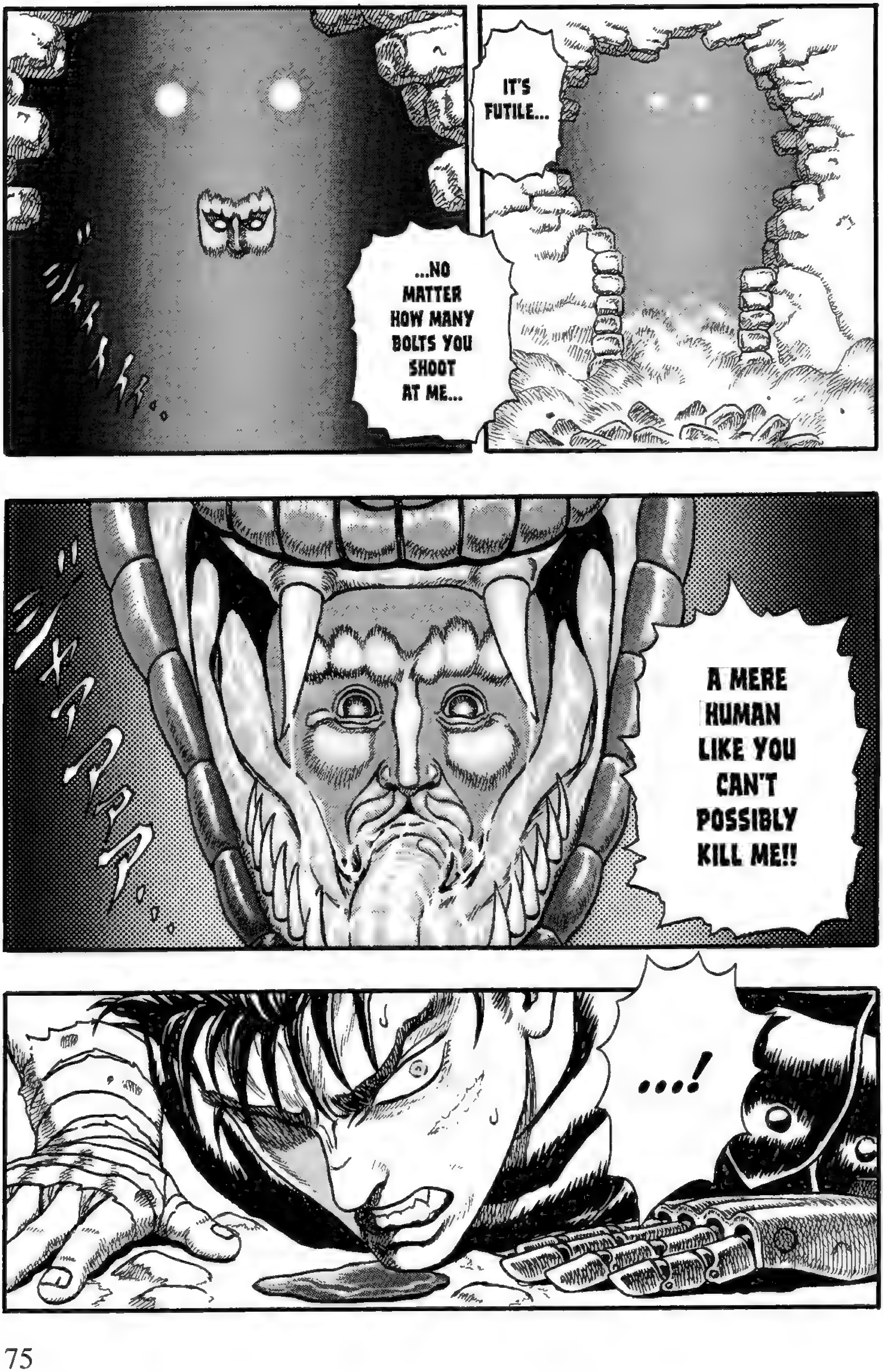
ドドオオー
GUTS!
-GUUUGH-...


IT'S FUTILE...
...NO MATTER HOW MANY BOLTS YOU SHOOT AT ME...
A MERE HUMAN LIKE YOU CAN'T POSSIBLY KILL ME!!
...!

ドドド

I AM GOING TO EAT YOU!!
I AM GOING TO EAT YOU ALIVE, BOOOY!!
UWAAAAAHHHHHH!!
IT... IT'S A MONSTER!
WAAAAAH!
ヒヒ
ワァァ
ガガガガガ
EEEK!!
ズ

HE'S COMING--
HE'S COMING--
HE'S COMING--
HE'S COMING--
HE'S COMING!!
-AAAGG!-
C'MON GUTS! LOOK UP... UP!!
WHAT THE HELL'RE YOU DOING?!
-WAAAUGHH!-
...!

GUTS!
-GUUGHH-...
ドパァーン

...!
OH... STILL BREATHING, ARE WE?
MOST HUMANS WOULD'VE HAD THEIR ORGANS CRUSHED BY THE FIRST BLOW AND BE QUITE DEAD BY NOW.
BUT IT ALL ENDS HERE!
ビクッ
ビクンッ
ドドオオン
ゴドオオオ
ビチャアアア

WEAK...
HOW PATHETIC HUMANS ARE!
ズズ
OOHHH...
GUTS...!
YOU HUMANS ARE NOTHING MORE THAN **FOOD.**
NOTHING BUT MORSELS TO FILL OUR STOMACHS.
FOOD SHOULD LEARN TO ACT LIKE FOOD AND--
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YECCCH!
EW! IT'S STILL ALIVE...
I FEEL SICK!
HEY!
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DON'T DIE ON ME YET.
IGH! STOP! STOP. PLEASE!!
DIDN'T YOU SAY IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW MANY BOLTS I SHOOT AT YOU?
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MUST BE ROUGH, BEING *UNKILLABLE* AND ALL...

LIKE YOU SAID, HUMANS ARE WEAK.
WE DIE EASILY.
BUT NO MATTER HOW WEAK WE ARE, EVEN IF WE'RE BEING CHOPPED TO BITS OR STABBED TO DEATH, WE STILL WANT TO *LIVE.*
I'M GONNA GIVE YOU A LITTLE TASTE OF WHAT IT'S LIKE.
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UGH!
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WHO... WHO ARE YOU?
TH-THAT MARK! IT'S THE BRAND OF SACRIFICE!
YOU ARE--
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--THE GODHAND.
WHERE ARE THE FIVE MEMBERS OF THE GODHAND?
TH-- THAT IS--
UGH!
I DON'T KNOW! I DON'T KNOW! WHERE THEY ARE!
IT'S NOT FOR APOSTLES SUCH AS I TO KNOW

I...I'M TELLING YOU THE TRUTH...
TAKE YOUR TIME AND SAVOR IT...
...AS YOUR BODY IS SLOWLY *BURNED TO ASHES.*
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W-WAIT... PLEASE!
I DON'T WANT TO DIE!
WAIT...!
HELP ME!
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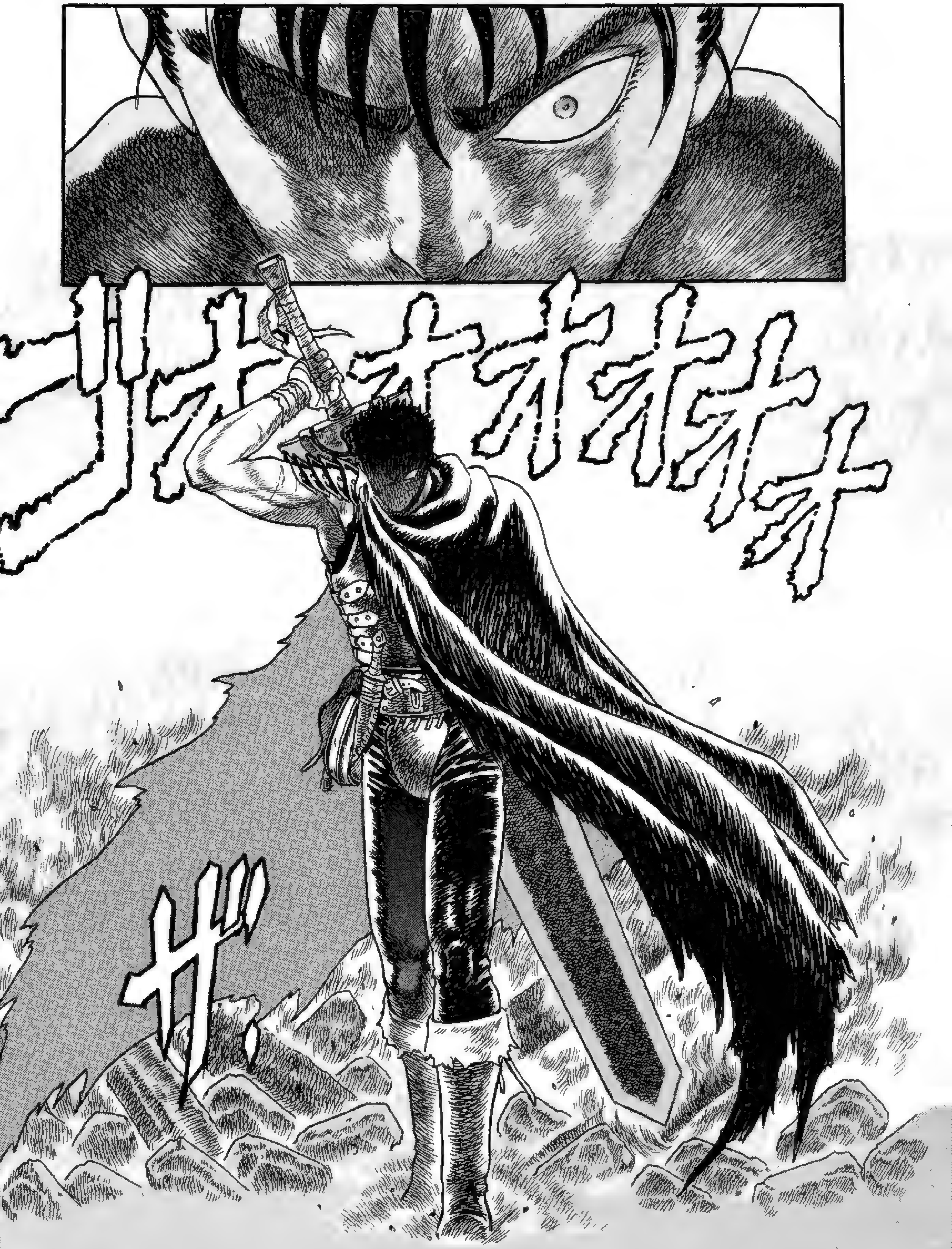
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BERSERK…
THE BLACK SWORDSMAN: END

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YOU CANNOT ESCAPE US!
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YOU CANNOT ESCAPE!
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THE BRAND

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THANKS, MISTER!

THAT'S FUNNY. I WAS SURE HE WAS GOING IN THIS DIRECTION.
HOW COULD I LOSE HIM IF THIS IS THE ONLY PATH?
OH, WELL.
MAYBE WOLVES ATE HIM OR SOMETHING.
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GUTS!
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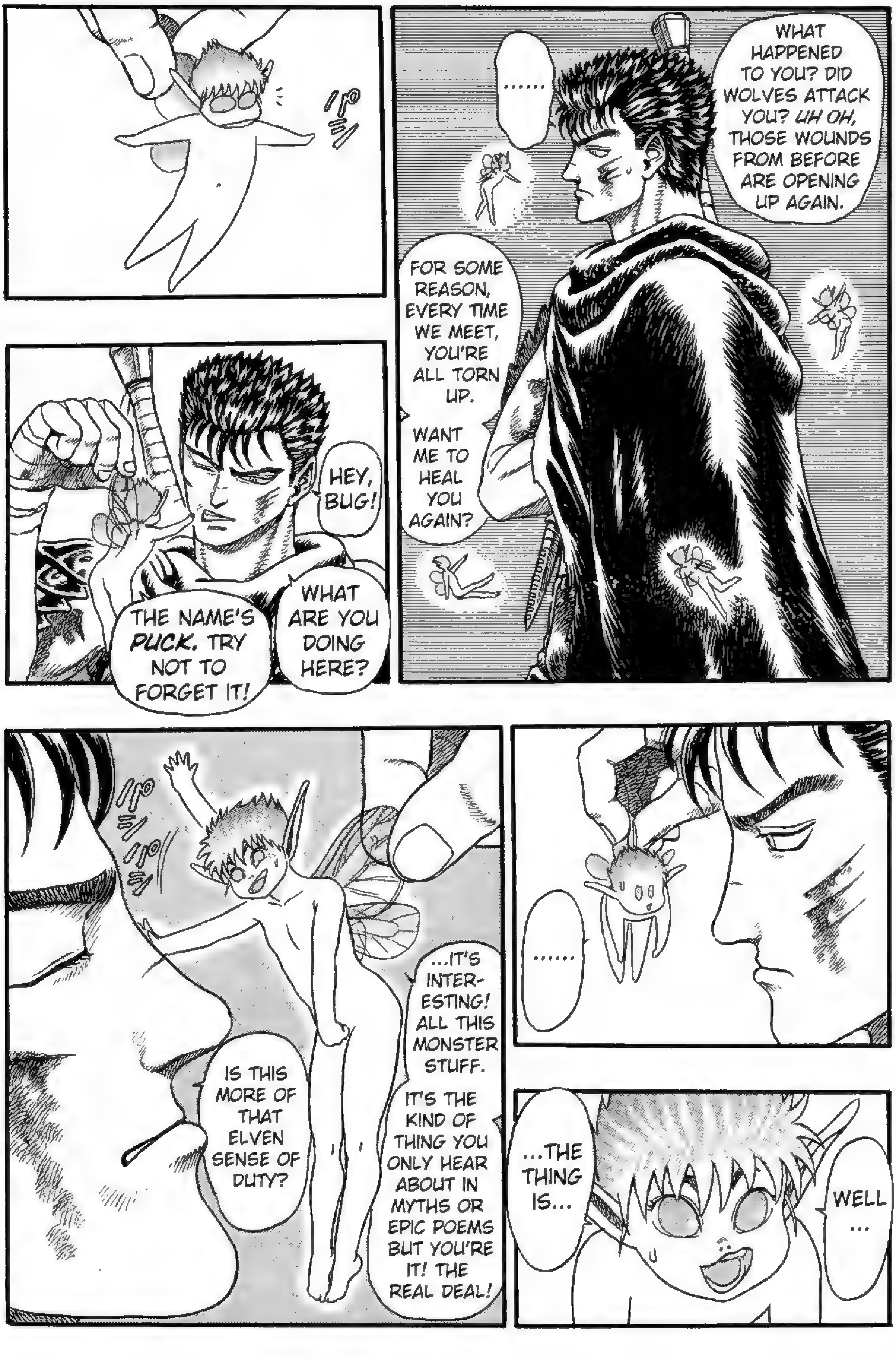
YOU AGAIN!
HEY! HOW YA DOIN'?


WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU? DID WOLVES ATTACK YOU? *UH OH,* THOSE WOUNDS FROM BEFORE ARE OPENING UP AGAIN.
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FOR SOME REASON, EVERY TIME WE MEET, YOU'RE ALL TORN UP.
WANT ME TO HEAL YOU AGAIN?
HEY, BUG!
THE NAME'S **PUCK.** TRY NOT TO FORGET IT!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
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WELL ...
...THE THING IS...
...IT'S INTERESTING! ALL THIS MONSTER STUFF.
IT'S THE KIND OF THING YOU ONLY HEAR ABOUT IN MYTHS OR EPIC POEMS BUT YOU'RE IT! THE REAL DEAL!
IS THIS MORE OF THAT ELVEN SENSE OF DUTY?

NAH, I FIGURED IF I HUNG AROUND YOU, I'D GET TO SEE ALL SORTS OF NEAT THINGS...
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GLUG GLUG
WHA-WHATCHA DO THAT FOR?!
BLAH!
SORRY, BUT I'M IN NO MOOD TO KEEP ANY PETS.
WHO SAID I WANTED TO BE YOUR PET?!
AND ONE MORE THING...
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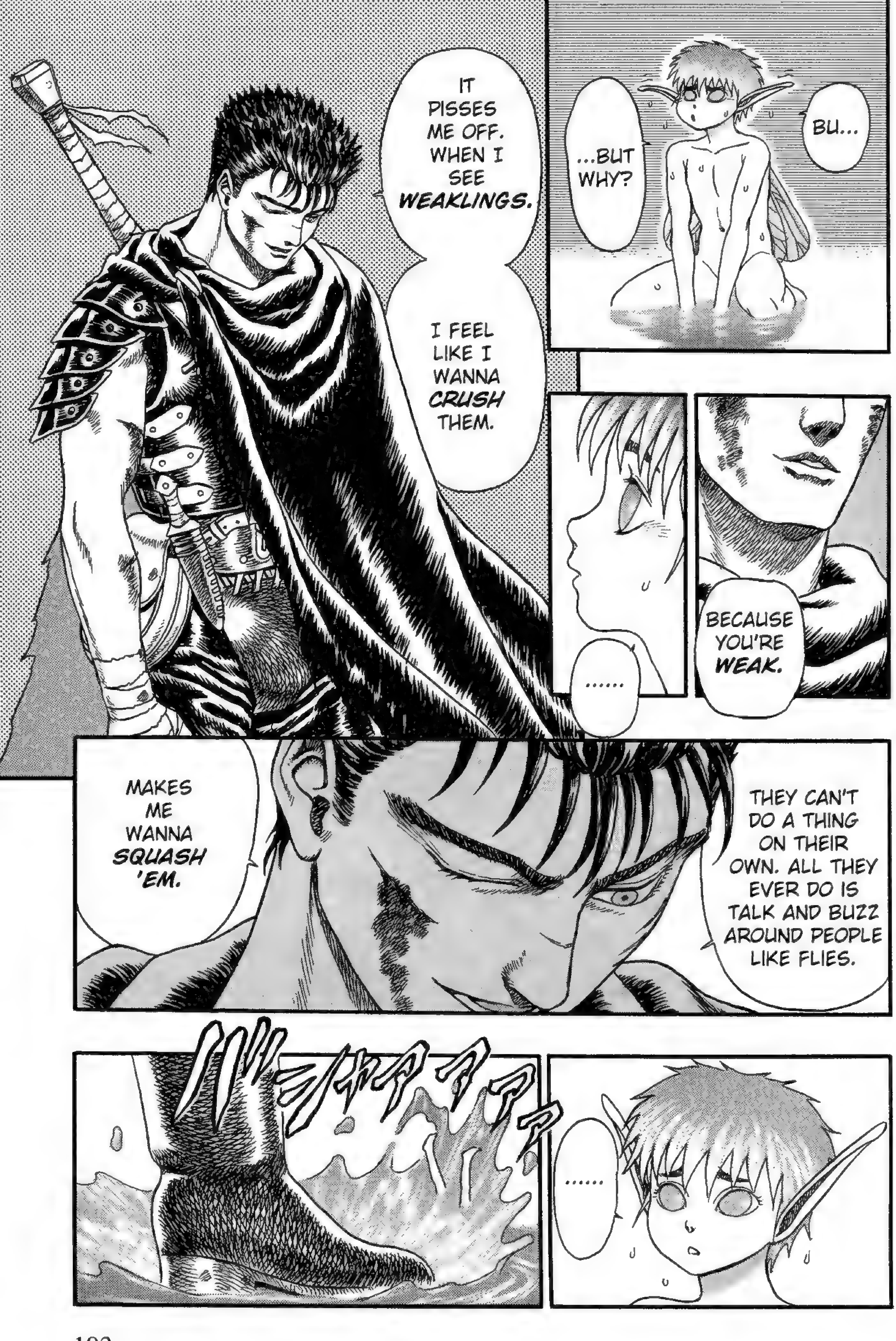
...I DON'T LIKE ELVES, AND I DON'T LIKE YOU.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...BUT WHY?
IT PISSES ME OFF. WHEN I SEE WEAKLINGS.
I FEEL LIKE I WANNA CRUSH THEM.
BECAUSE YOU'RE WEAK.
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THEY CAN'T DO A THING ON THEIR OWN. ALL THEY EVER DO IS TALK AND BUZZ AROUND PEOPLE LIKE FLIES.
MAKES ME WANNA SQUASH 'EM.
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YOU...
YOU BASTARD!
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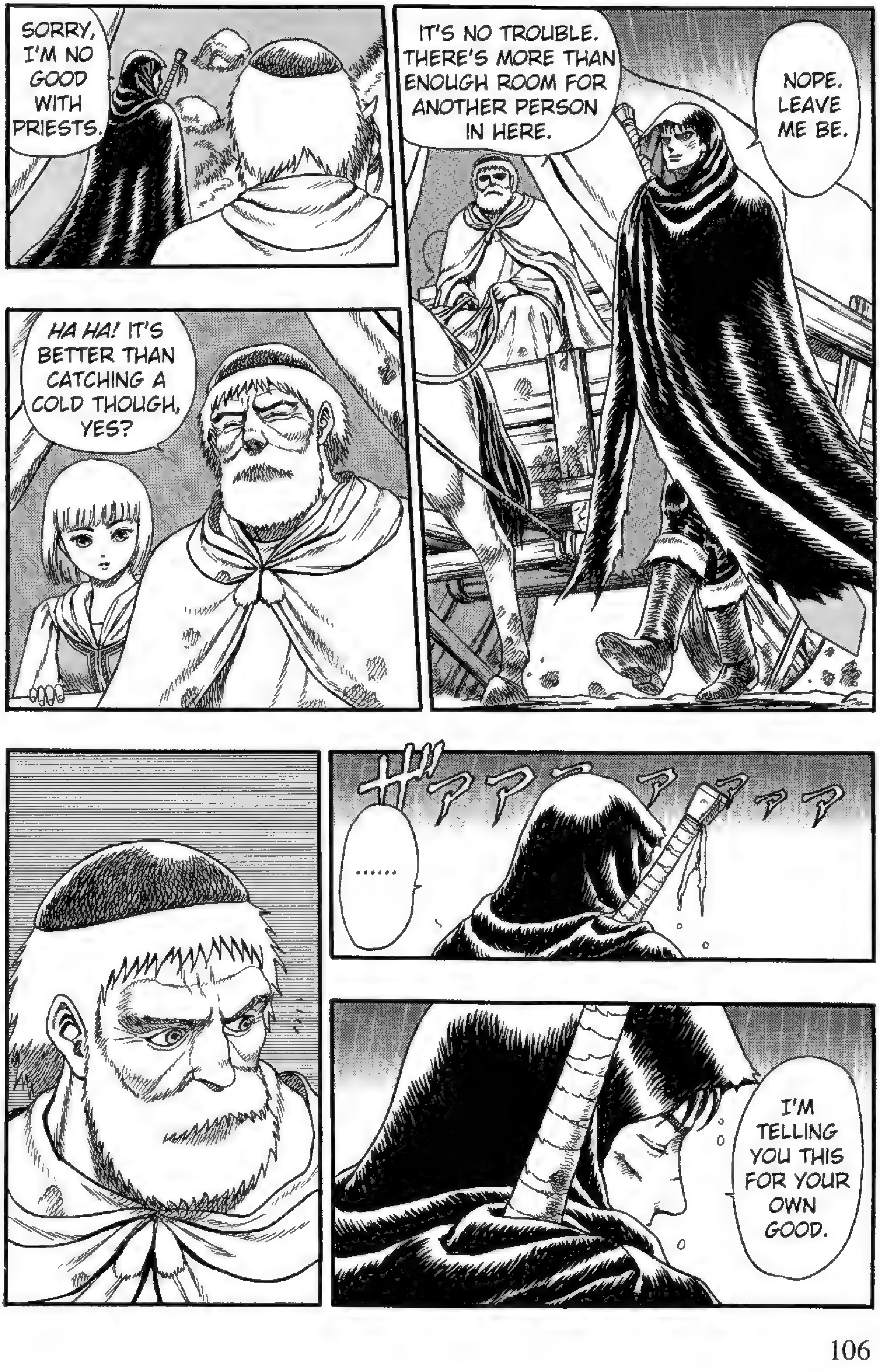
NEED A RIDE?
THE RAIN'S PRETTY HEAVY.


SORRY, I'M NO GOOD WITH PRIESTS.
IT'S NO TROUBLE. THERE'S MORE THAN ENOUGH ROOM FOR ANOTHER PERSON IN HERE.
NOPE. LEAVE ME BE.
HA HA! IT'S BETTER THAN CATCHING A COLD THOUGH, YES?
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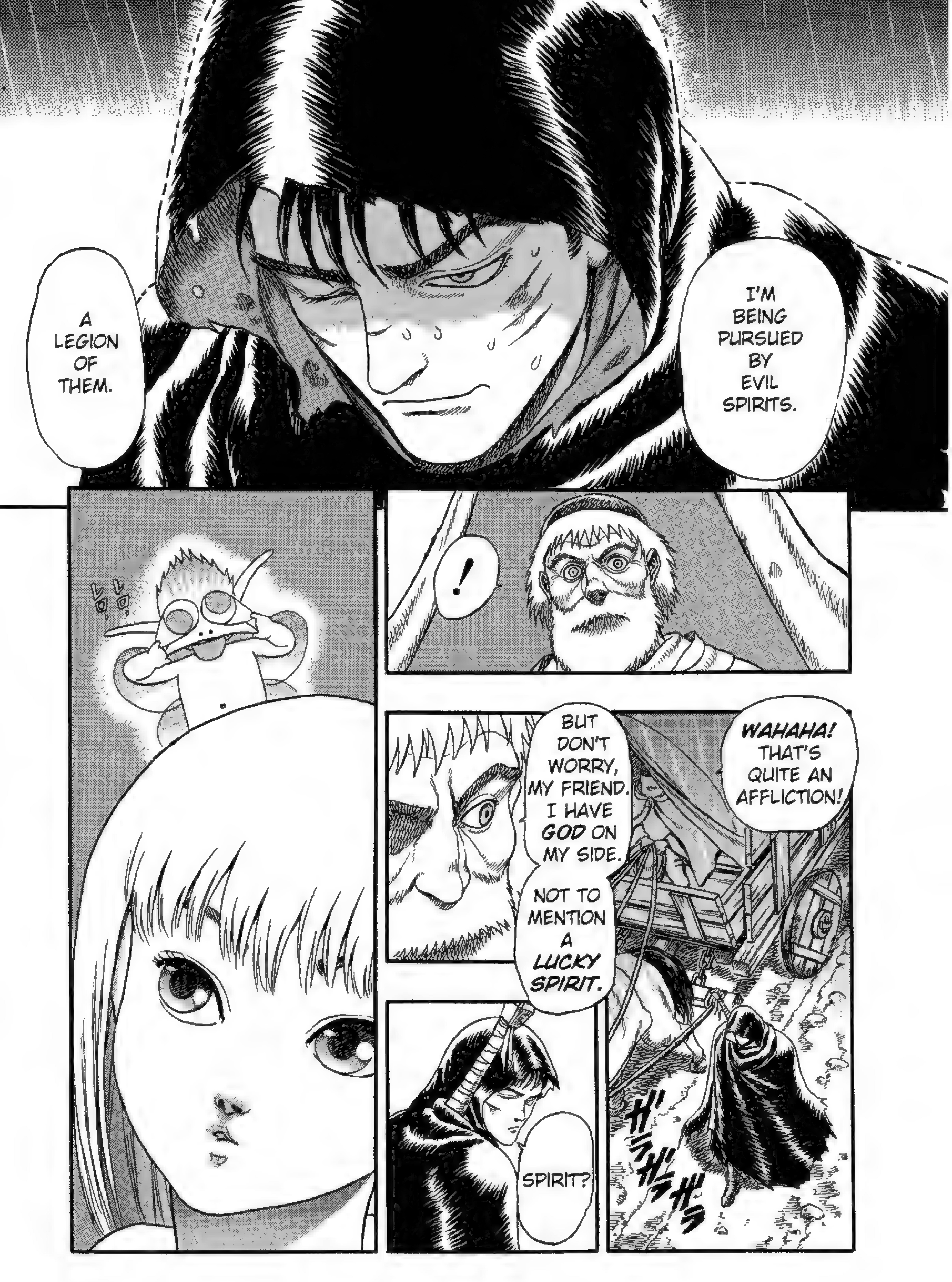
I'M TELLING YOU THIS FOR YOUR OWN GOOD.


I'M BEING PURSUED BY EVIL SPIRITS.
A LEGION OF THEM.
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WAHAHA! THAT'S QUITE AN AFFLICTION!
BUT DON'T WORRY, MY FRIEND. I HAVE *GOD* ON MY SIDE.
NOT TO MENTION A *LUCKY SPIRIT.*
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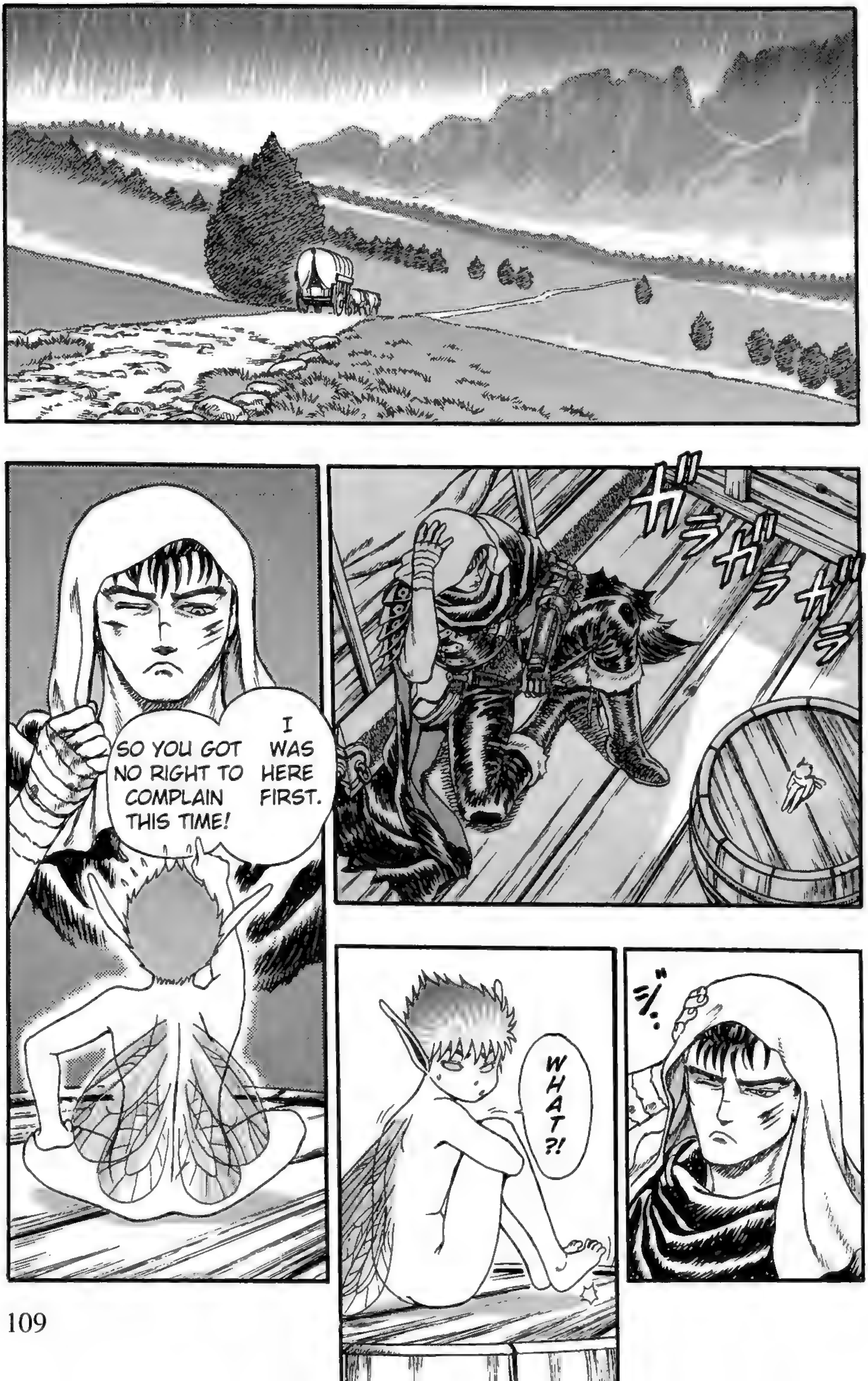
C'MON, GET ON, GET ON.
WELL, WHY NOT?
WHAT DO I CARE IF SOMETHING HAPPENS TO THEM?
OW!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I WAS HERE FIRST.
SO YOU GOT NO RIGHT TO COMPLAIN THIS TIME!
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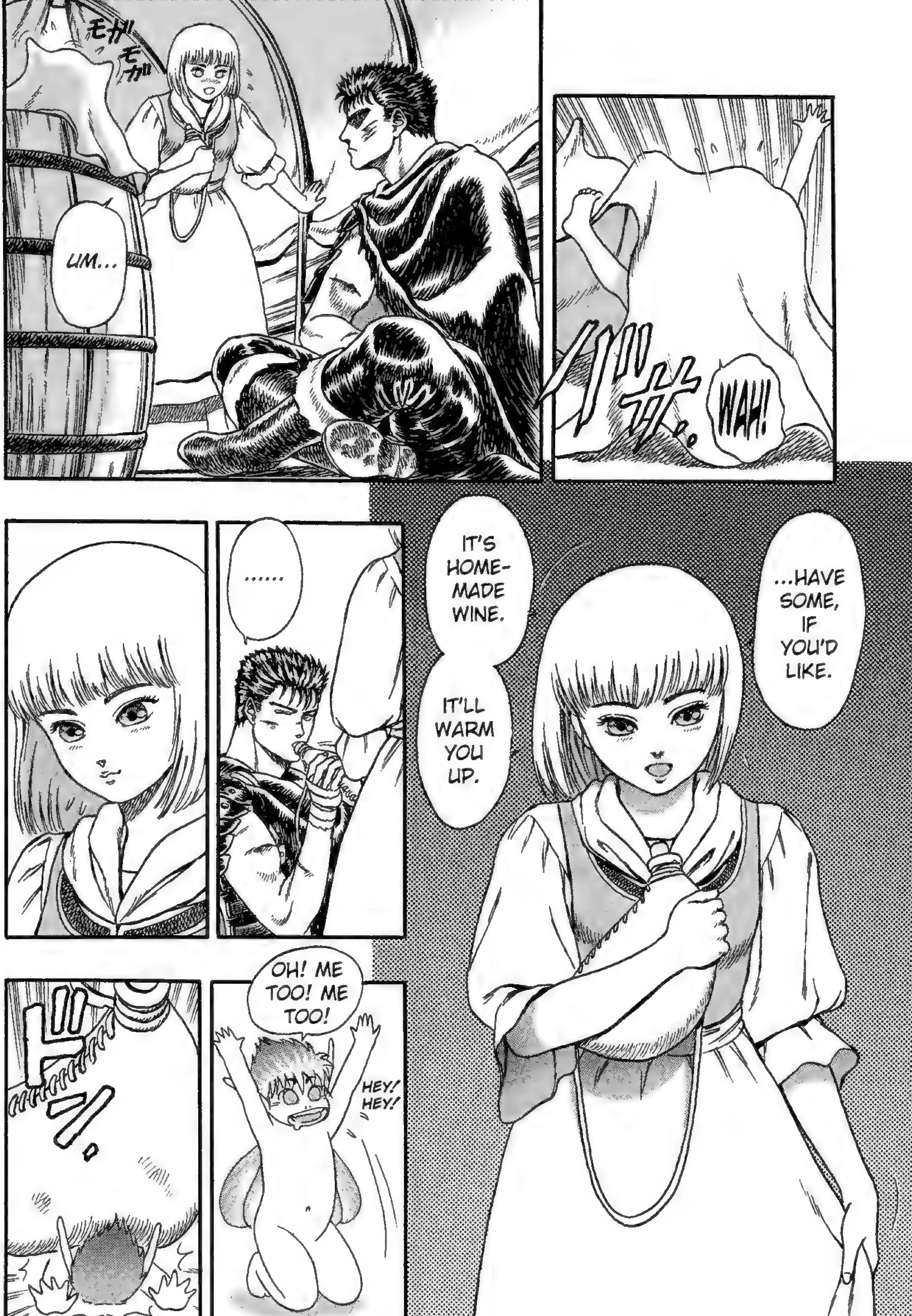
WHAT?!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UM...
IT'S HOME-MADE WINE.
...HAVE SOME, IF YOU'D LIKE.
IT'LL WARM YOU UP.
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OH! ME TOO! ME TOO!
HEY! HEY!
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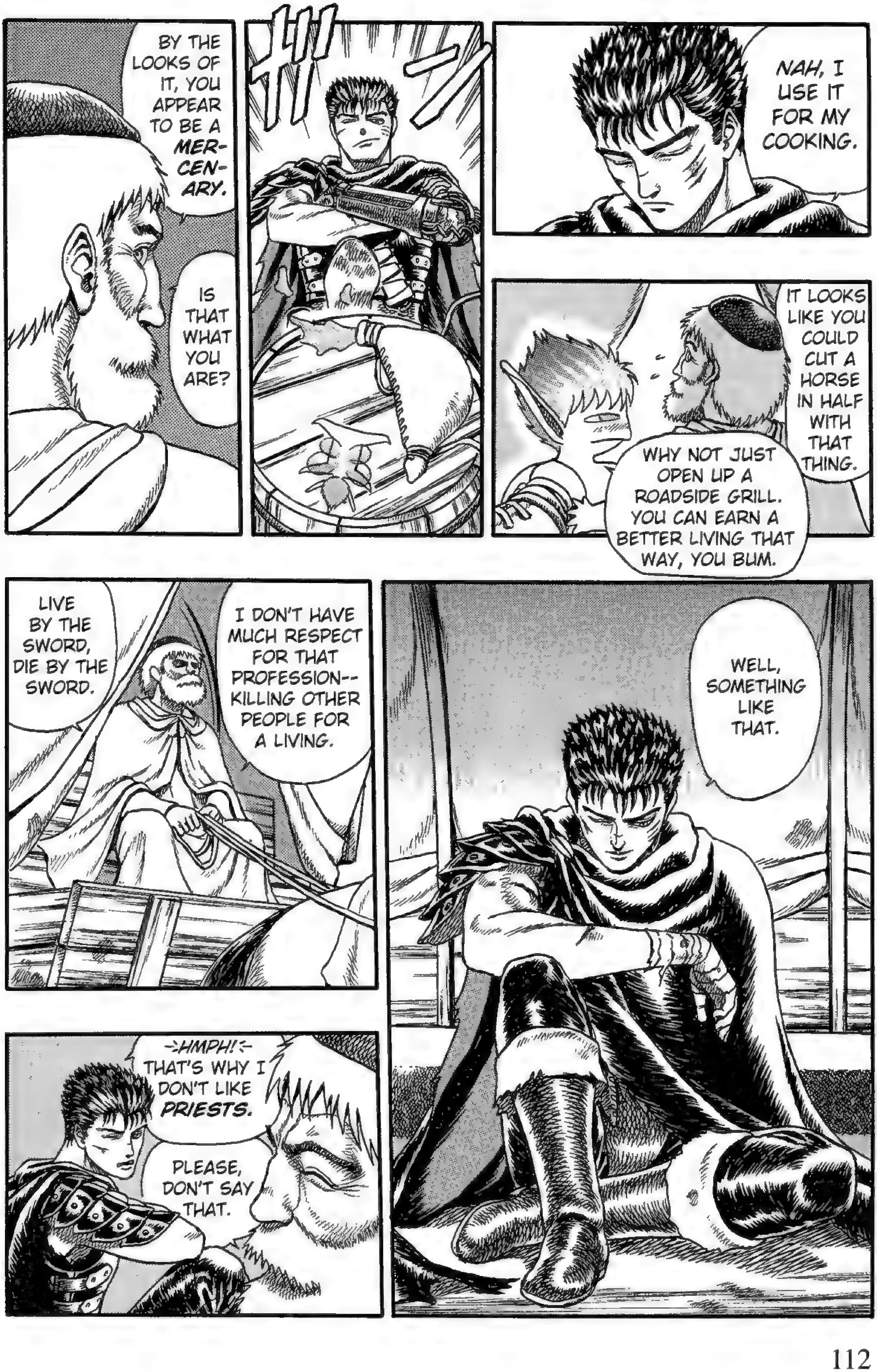
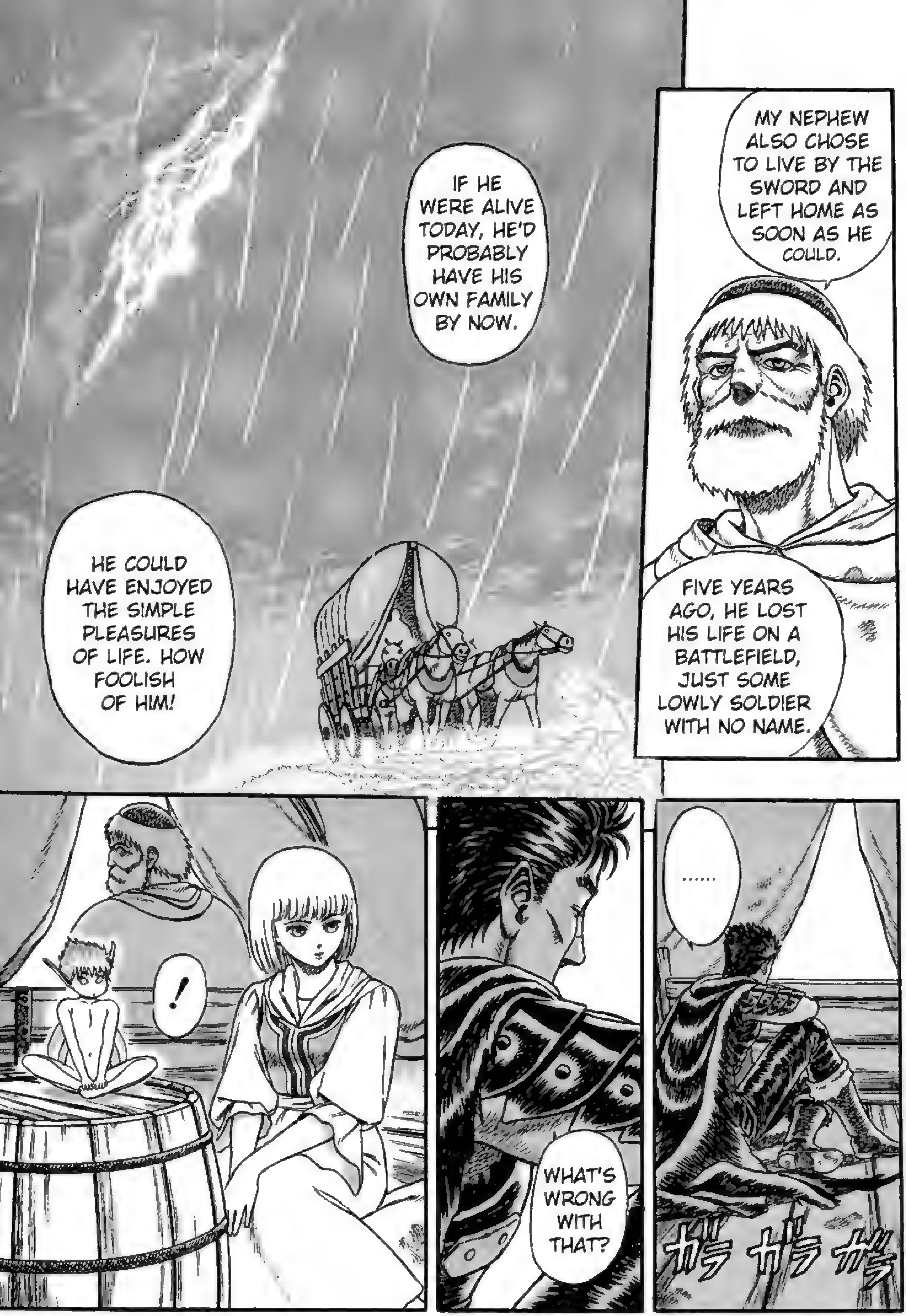
THOSE AWFUL WOUNDS...WHAT HAPPENED?
LIKE I SAID, EVIL SPIRITS ARE AFTER ME.
THAT CAN'T BE TRUE, CAN IT?
HEY, HEY! DON'T FRIGHTEN MY DAUGHTER TOO MUCH.
BY THE WAY...
...IS THAT SOME SORT OF *SWORD?*


BY THE LOOKS OF IT, YOU APPEAR TO BE A *MERCENARY*.
IS THAT WHAT YOU ARE?
NAH, I USE IT FOR MY COOKING.
IT LOOKS LIKE YOU COULD CUT A HORSE IN HALF WITH THAT THING.
WHY NOT JUST OPEN UP A ROADSIDE GRILL. YOU CAN EARN A BETTER LIVING THAT WAY, YOU BUM.
WELL, SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
I DON'T HAVE MUCH RESPECT FOR THAT PROFESSION--KILLING OTHER PEOPLE FOR A LIVING.
LIVE BY THE SWORD, DIE BY THE SWORD.
HMPH! THAT'S WHY I DON'T LIKE *PRIESTS*.
PLEASE, DON'T SAY THAT.


MY NEPHEW ALSO CHOSE TO LIVE BY THE SWORD AND LEFT HOME AS SOON AS HE COULD.
FIVE YEARS AGO, HE LOST HIS LIFE ON A BATTLEFIELD, JUST SOME LOWLY SOLDIER WITH NO NAME.
IF HE WERE ALIVE TODAY, HE'D PROBABLY HAVE HIS OWN FAMILY BY NOW.
HE COULD HAVE ENJOYED THE SIMPLE PLEASURES OF LIFE. HOW FOOLISH OF HIM!
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WHAT'S WRONG WITH THAT?
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HE DIED DOING WHAT HE WANTED, NO MATTER WHAT, RIGHT?
I BET HE WAS *HAPPY.*
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OF COURSE, ONCE YOU DIE, THAT'S IT.
NOTHING COMES AFTER *THAT,* NOTHING AT ALL.
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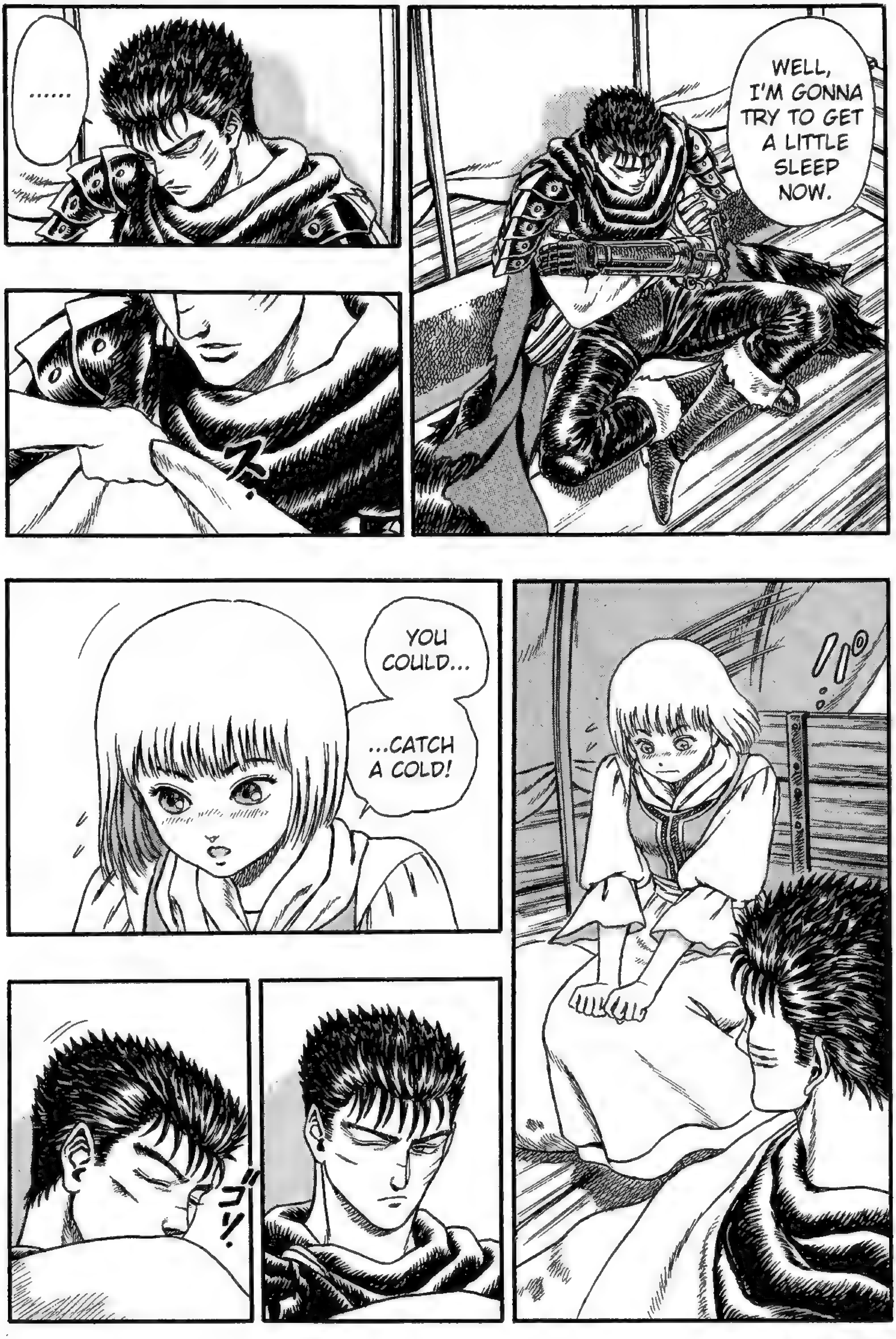
WELL, I'M GONNA TRY TO GET A LITTLE SLEEP NOW.
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YOU COULD...
...CATCH A COLD!
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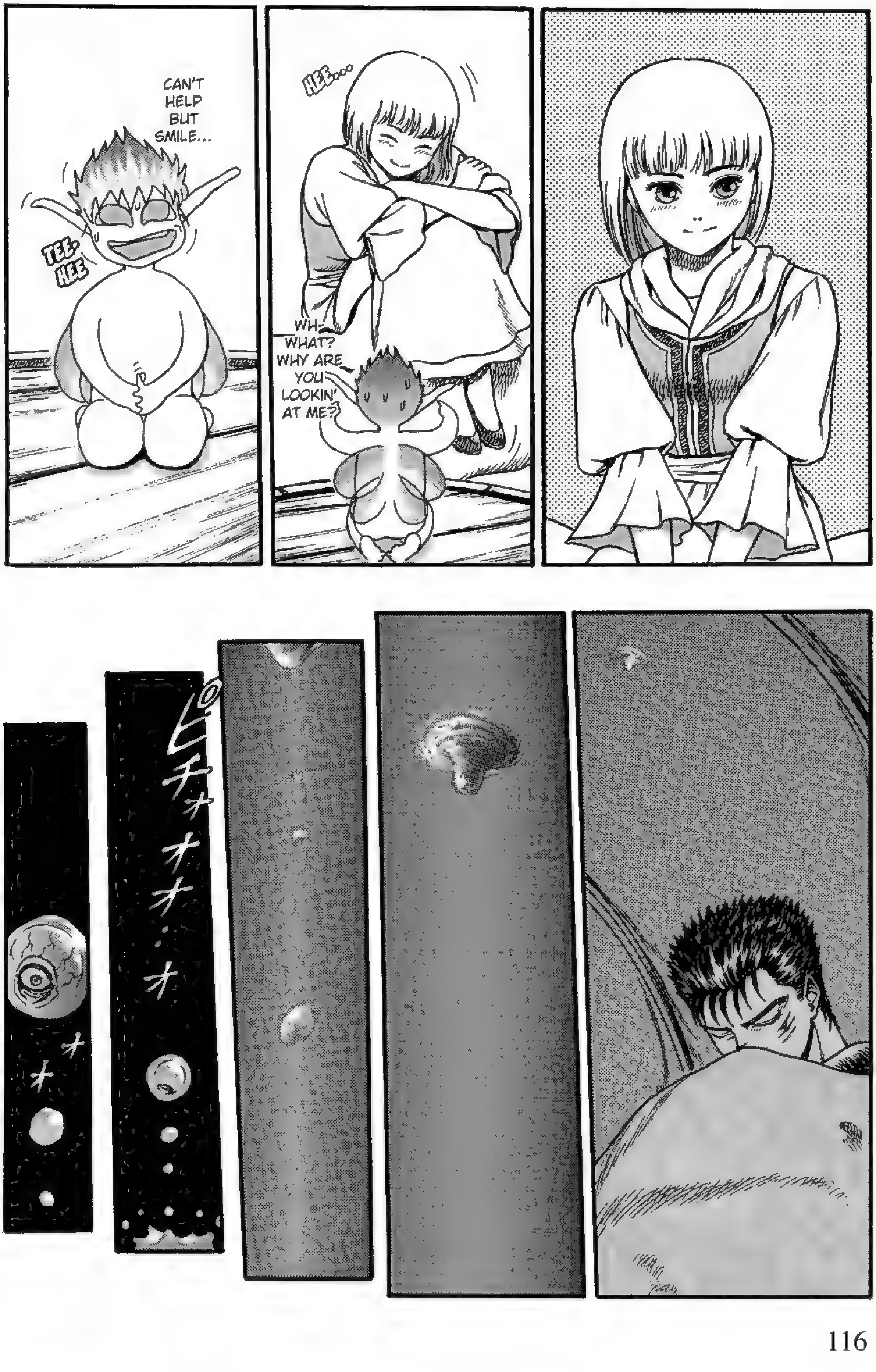
CAN'T HELP BUT SMILE...
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HEE...
WH-WHAT? WHY ARE YOU LOOKIN' AT ME?
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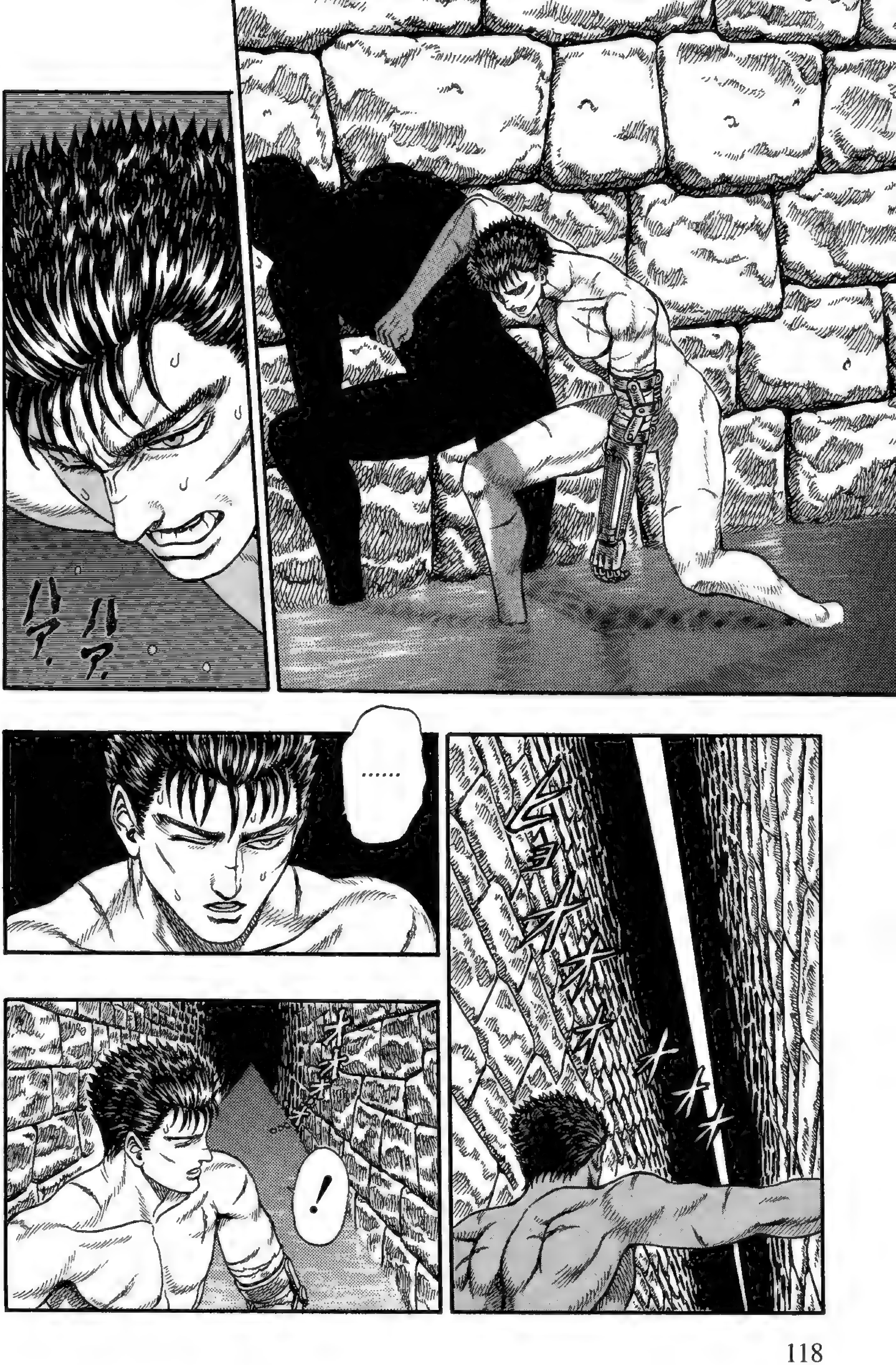
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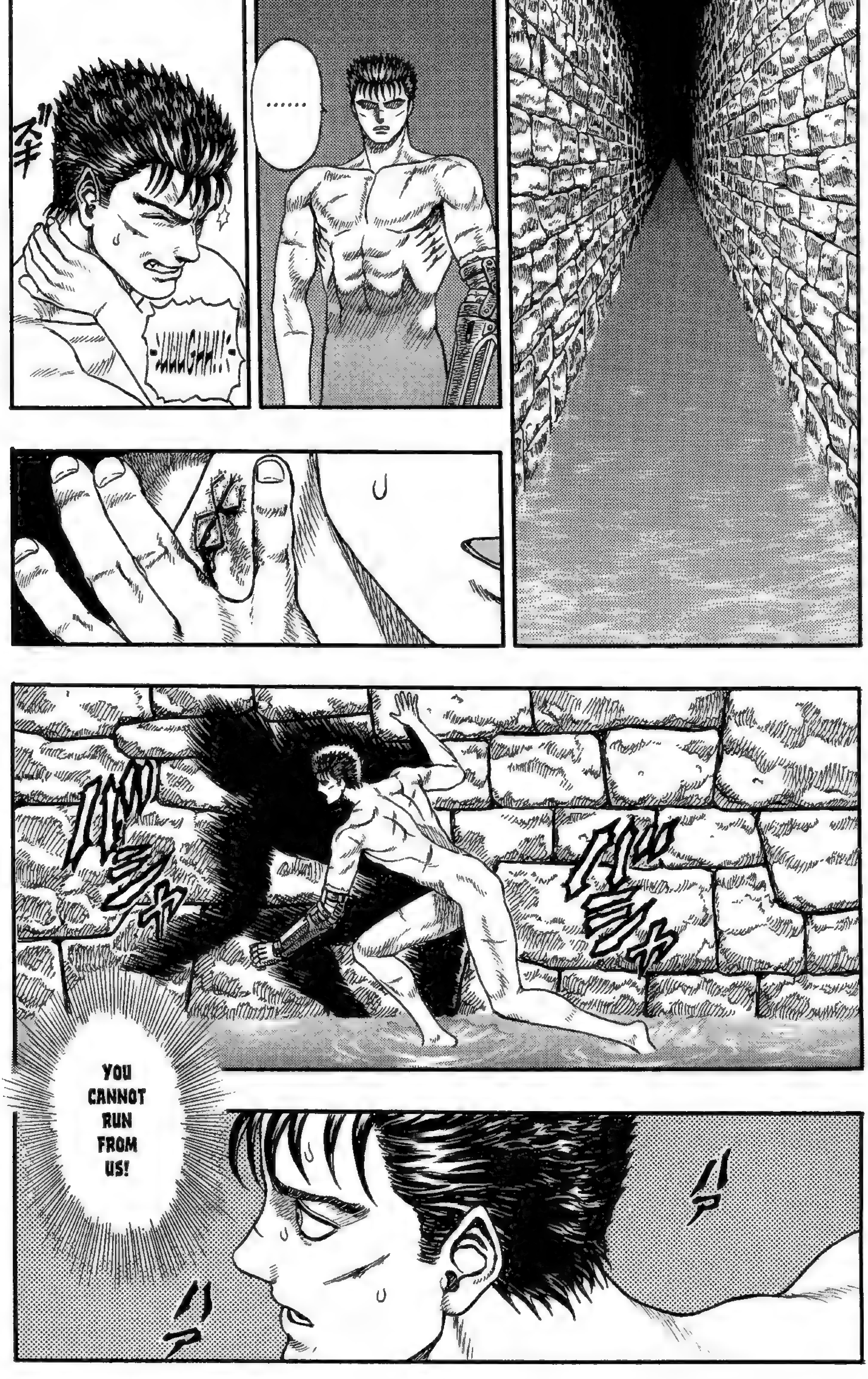
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YOU CANNOT RUN FROM US!
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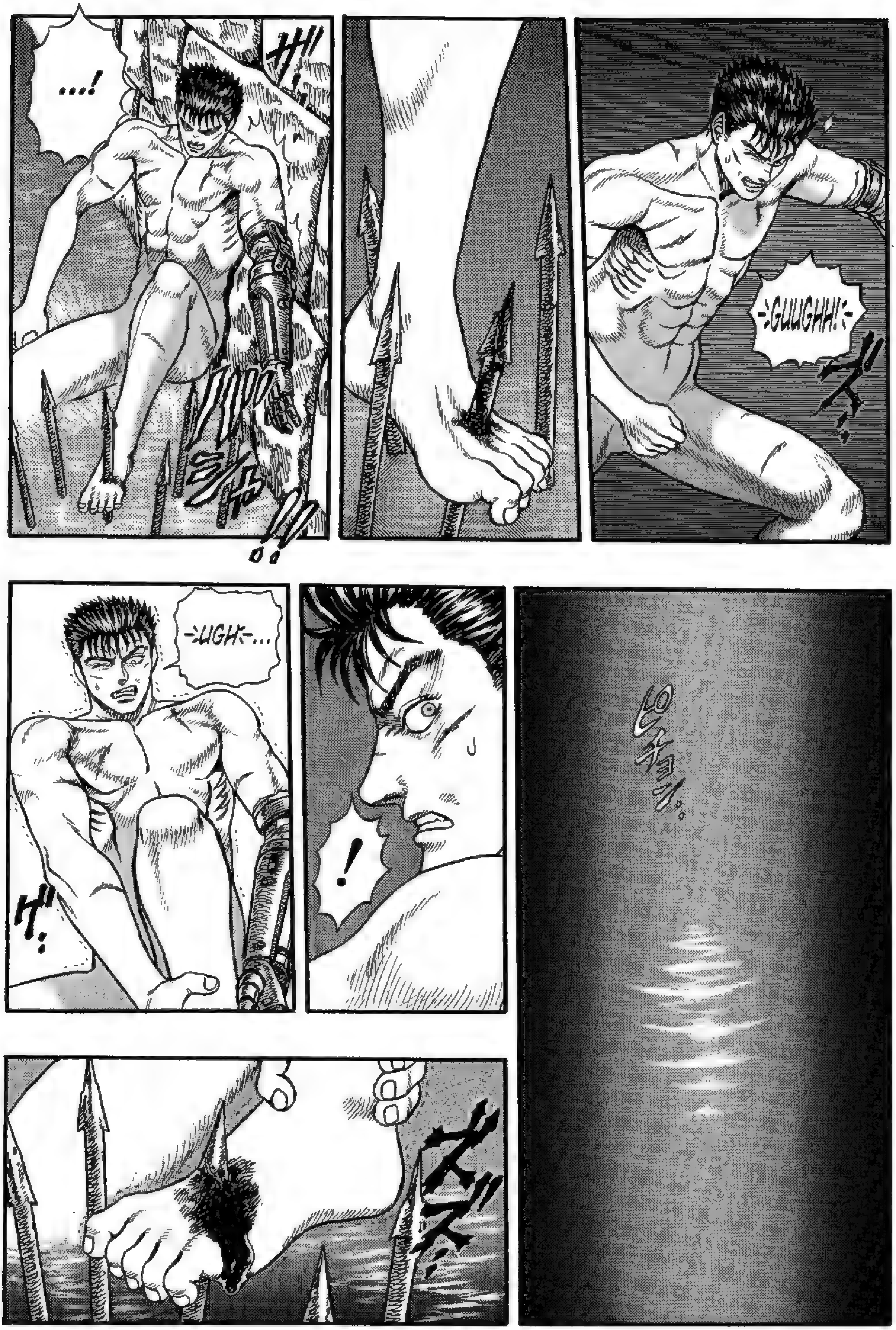
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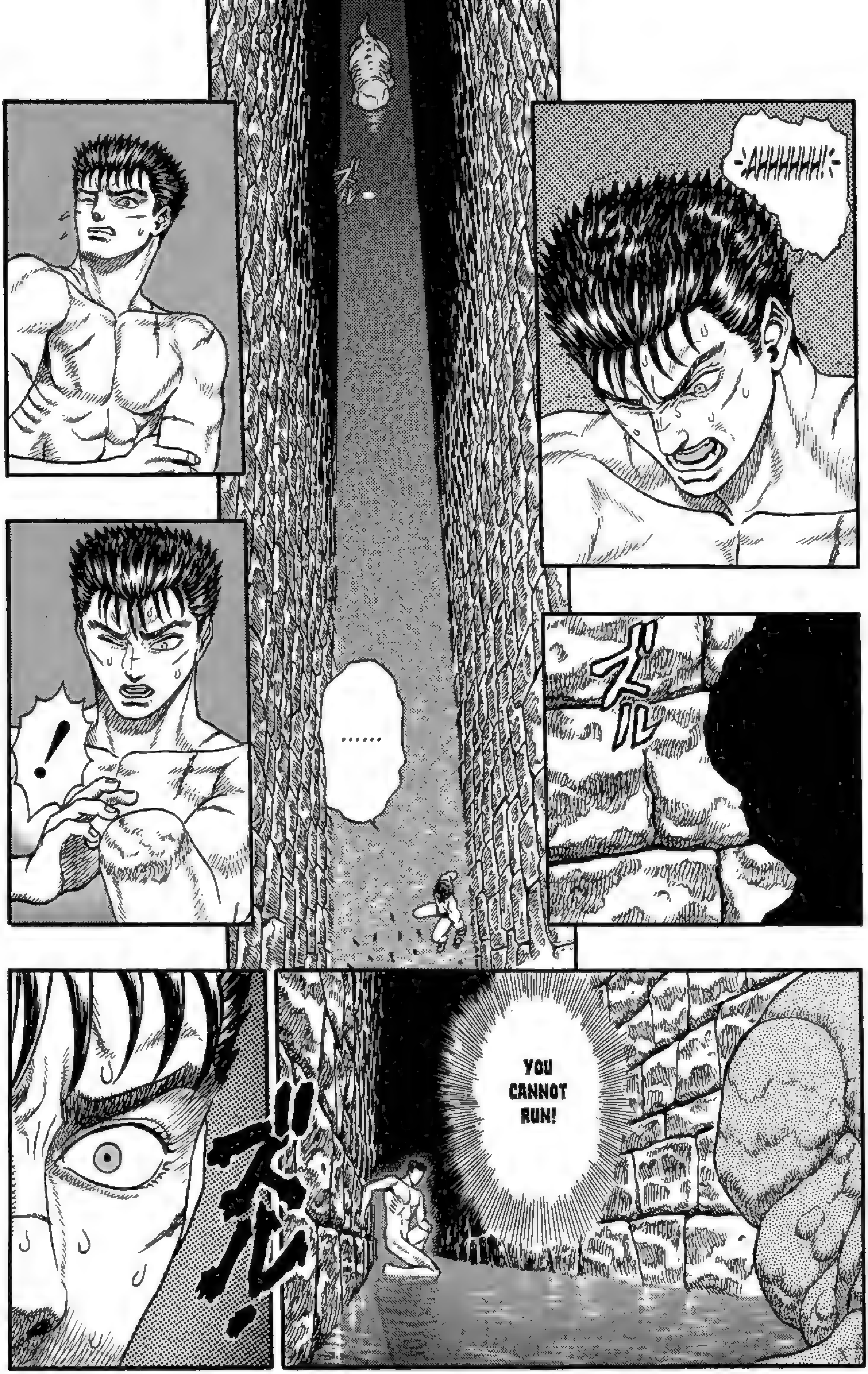
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YOU CANNOT RUN!

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WAAAAAUUGHHHH!
HEY!
HEY! WHAT HAP-PENNED?!
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WHAT... WHAT IS THAT THING?!
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IT'S AN *INCUBUS!*
THEY'RE EVIL SPIRITS THAT GIVE PEOPLE NIGHTMARES AND FEED OFF THEIR FEAR.
EVIL SPIRITS? YOU MEAN, WHAT YOU SAID BEFORE WAS TRUE?
YOU'RE SAYIN' YOU BELIEVE IN GOD BUT NOT IN EVIL SPIRITS?
WH--
WHY DID IT COME AFTER YOU?
DAMN!
THEY WON'T EVEN GIVE ME TIME TO SLEEP.

BECAUSE OF *THIS*...
THIS THING *SUMMONS* THEM.
THE *BRAND* DOES?
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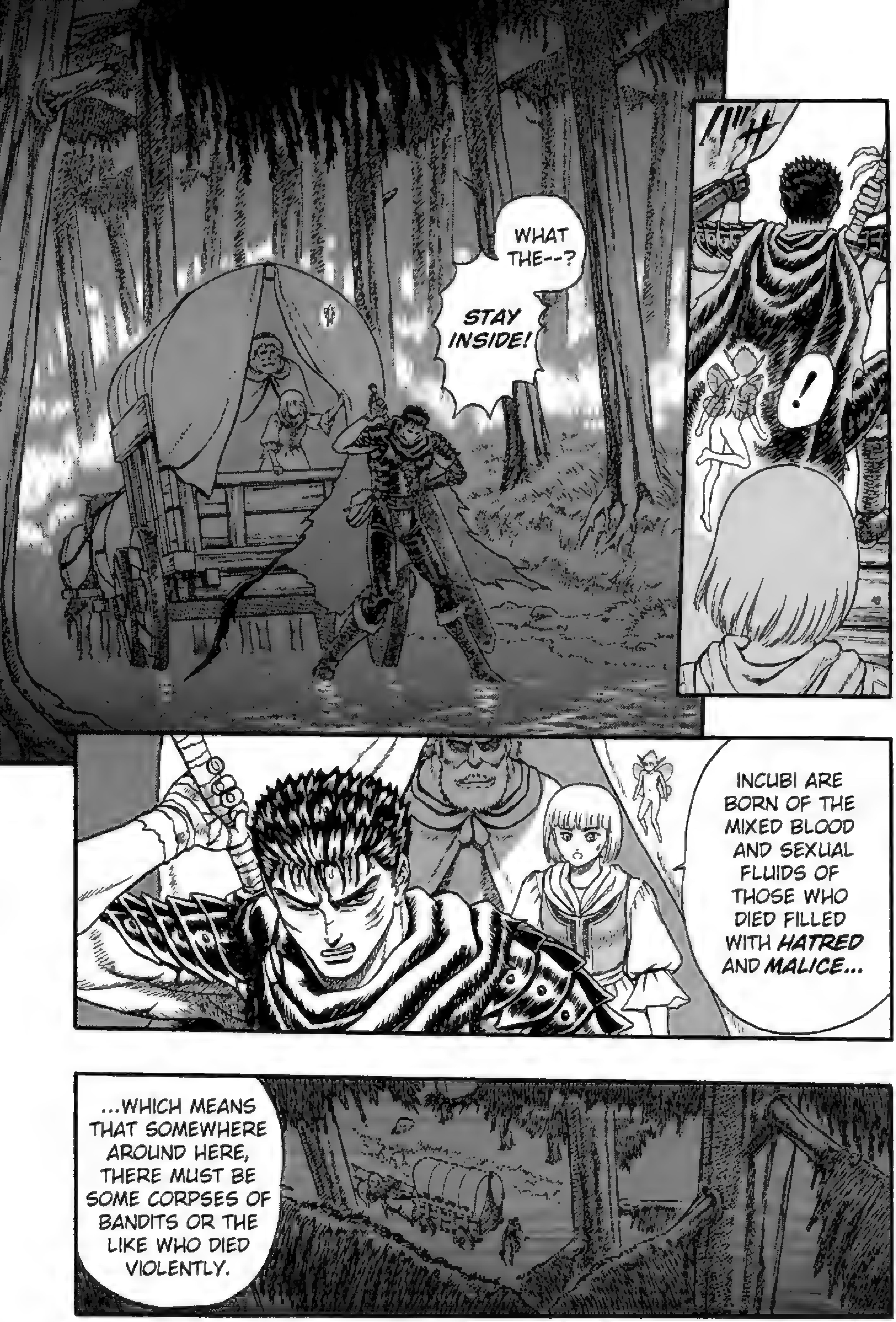
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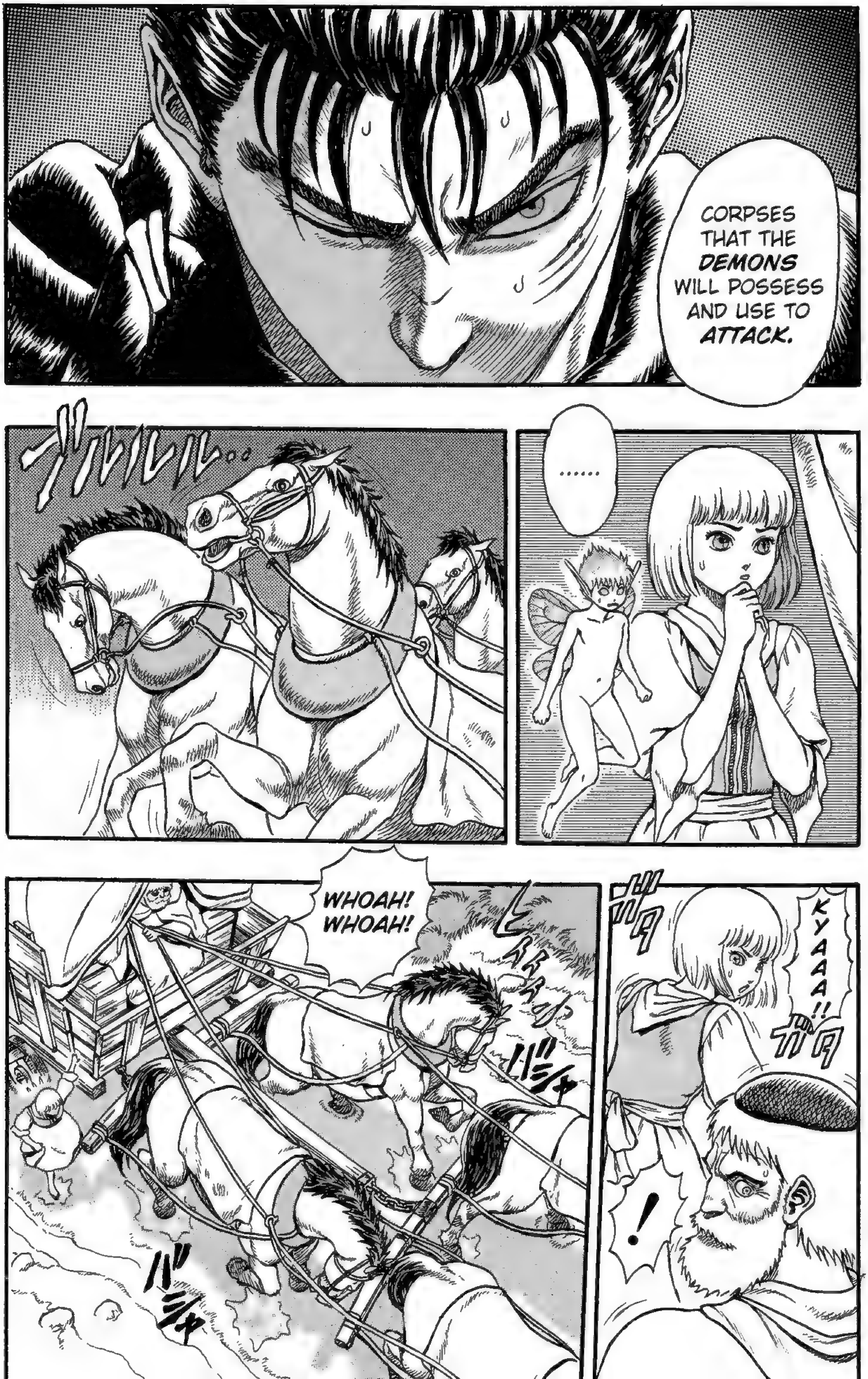
WHAT THE--?
STAY INSIDE!
INCUBI ARE BORN OF THE MIXED BLOOD AND SEXUAL FLUIDS OF THOSE WHO DIED FILLED WITH ***HATRED*** AND ***MALICE...***
...WHICH MEANS THAT SOMEWHERE AROUND HERE, THERE MUST BE SOME CORPSES OF BANDITS OR THE LIKE WHO DIED VIOLENTLY.


CORPSES THAT THE **DEMONS** WILL POSSESS AND USE TO **ATTACK.**
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WHOAH! WHOAH!
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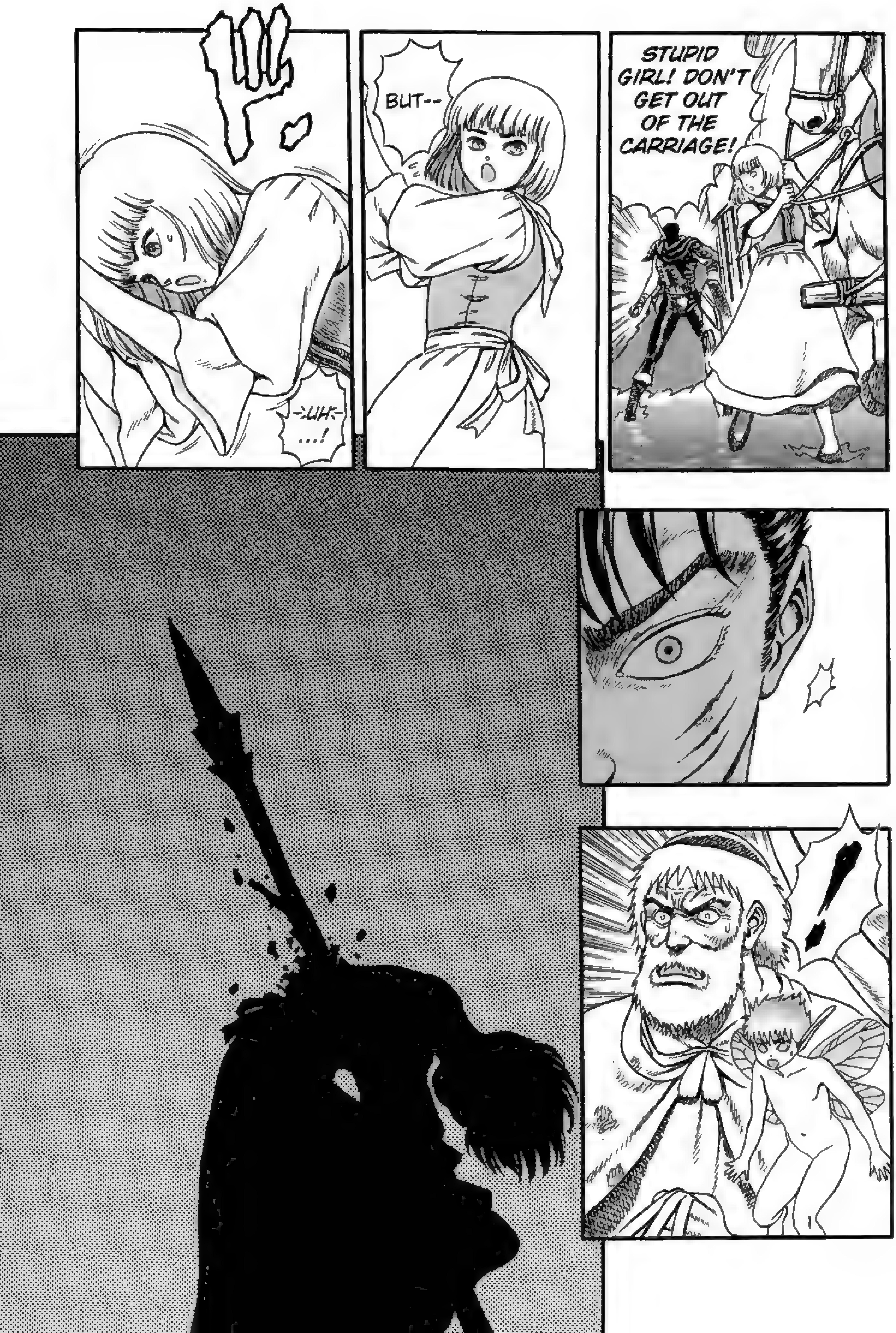
STUPID GIRL! DON'T GET OUT OF THE CARRIAGE!
BUT--
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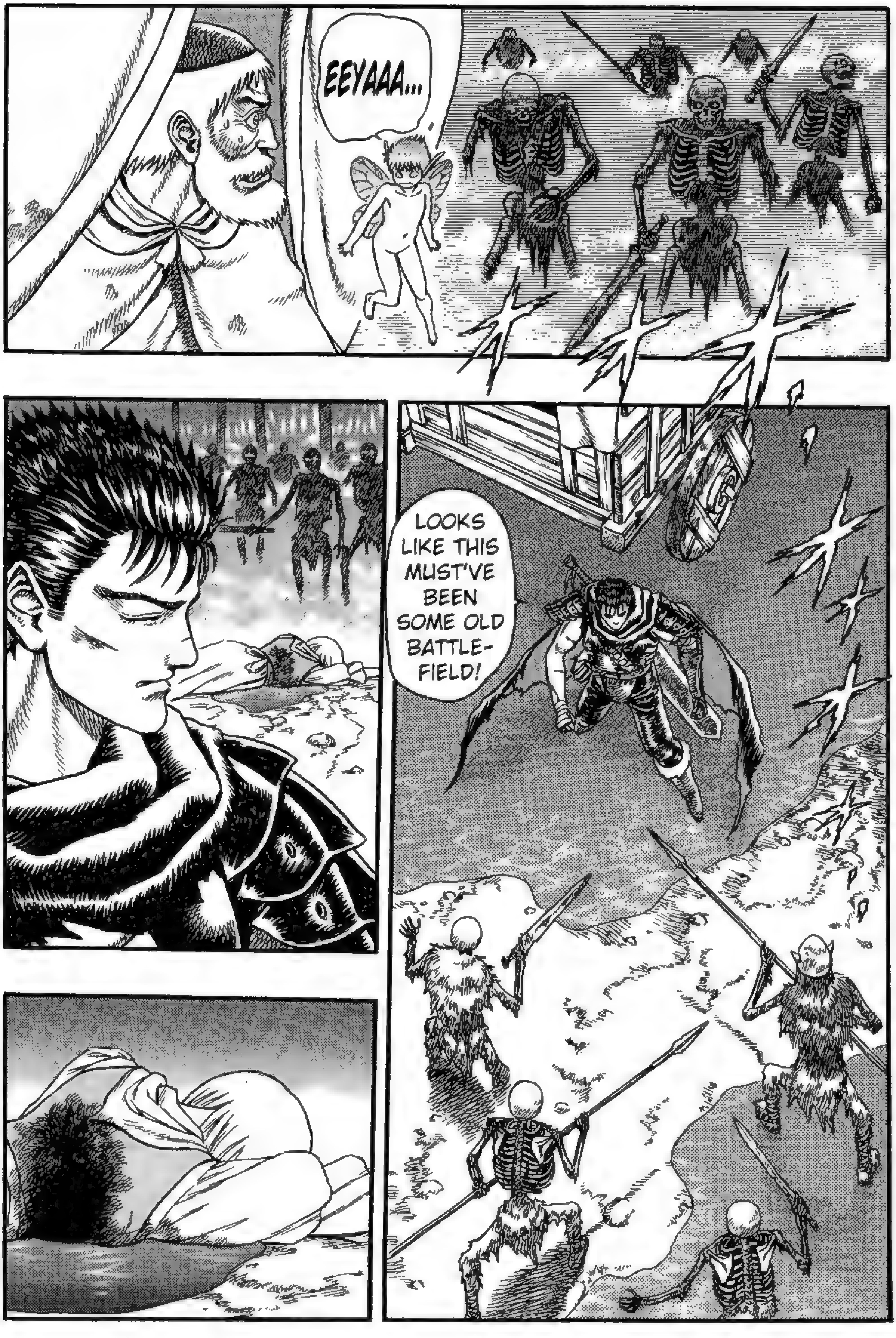
EEYAAA...
LOOKS LIKE THIS MUST'VE BEEN SOME OLD BATTLEFIELD!

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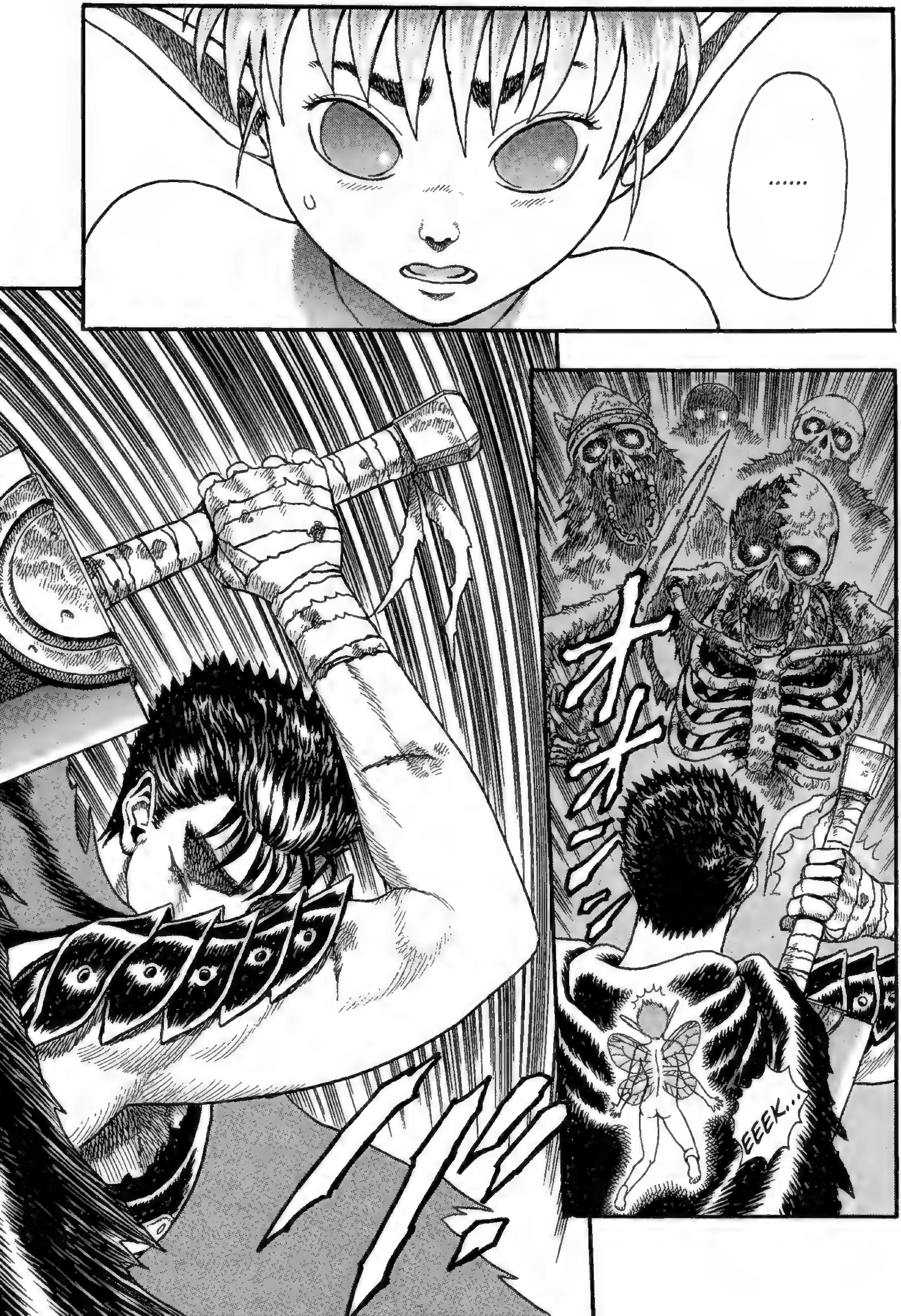
IT'S NO USE! YOU CAN'T KILL SOMETHING THAT'S ALREADY DEAD!
WE BETTER GET OUTTA HERE!
IF YOU WANNA GO, GO BY YOURSELF.
BUT WHY?!
IT'S POINTLESS!
THERE'S TOO MANY... YOU'RE GONNA GET KILLED!
COMES WITH THE TERRITORY.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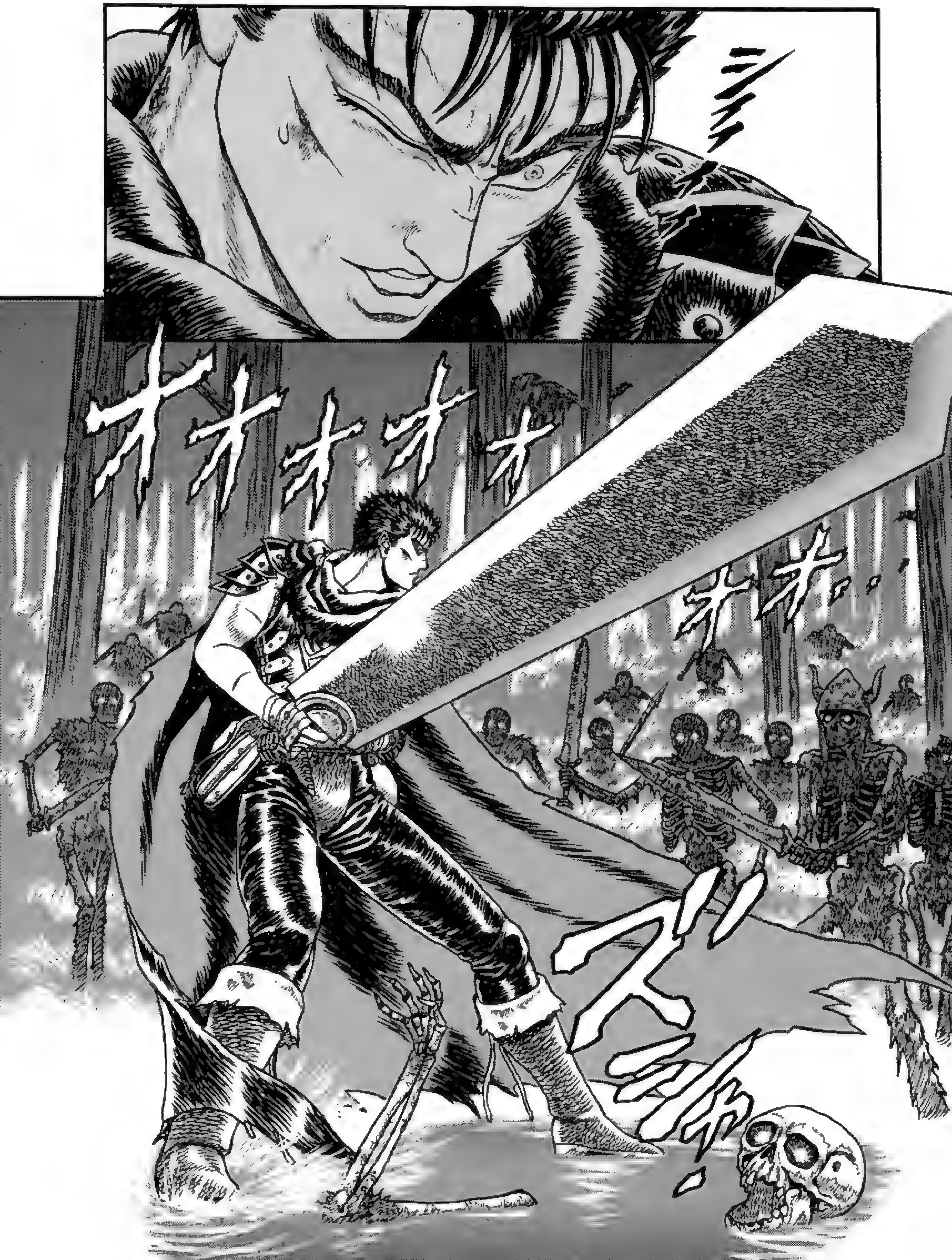
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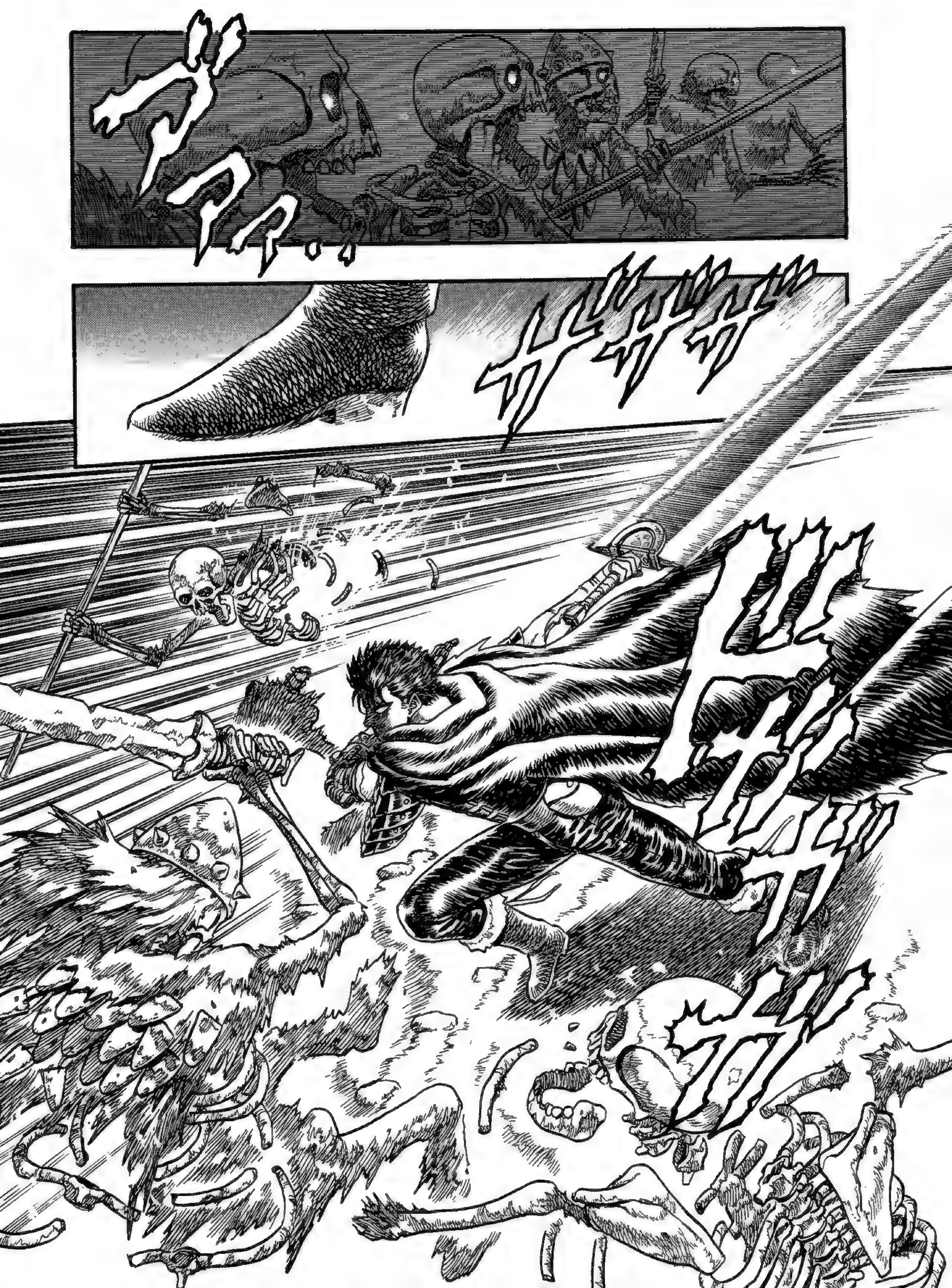
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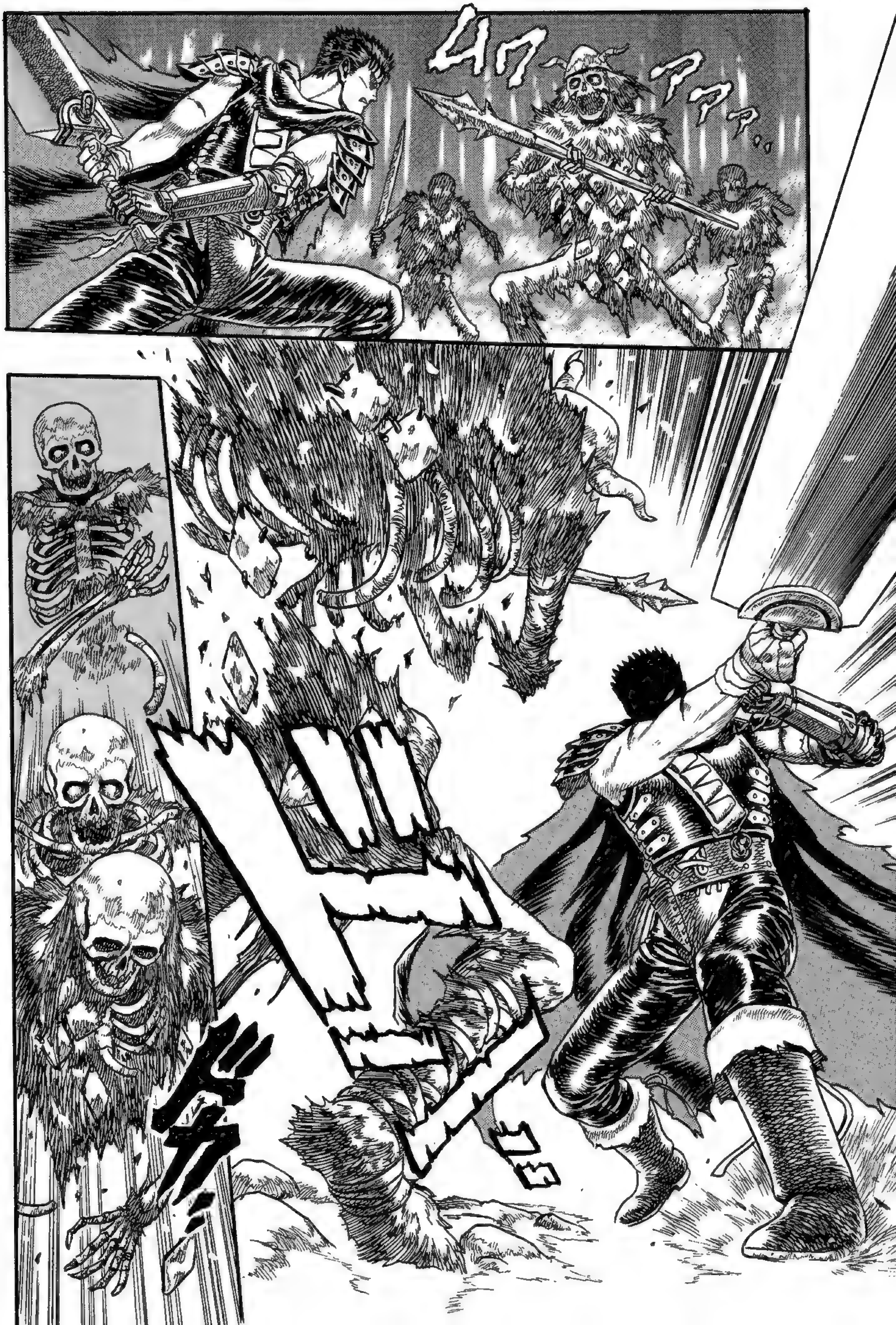
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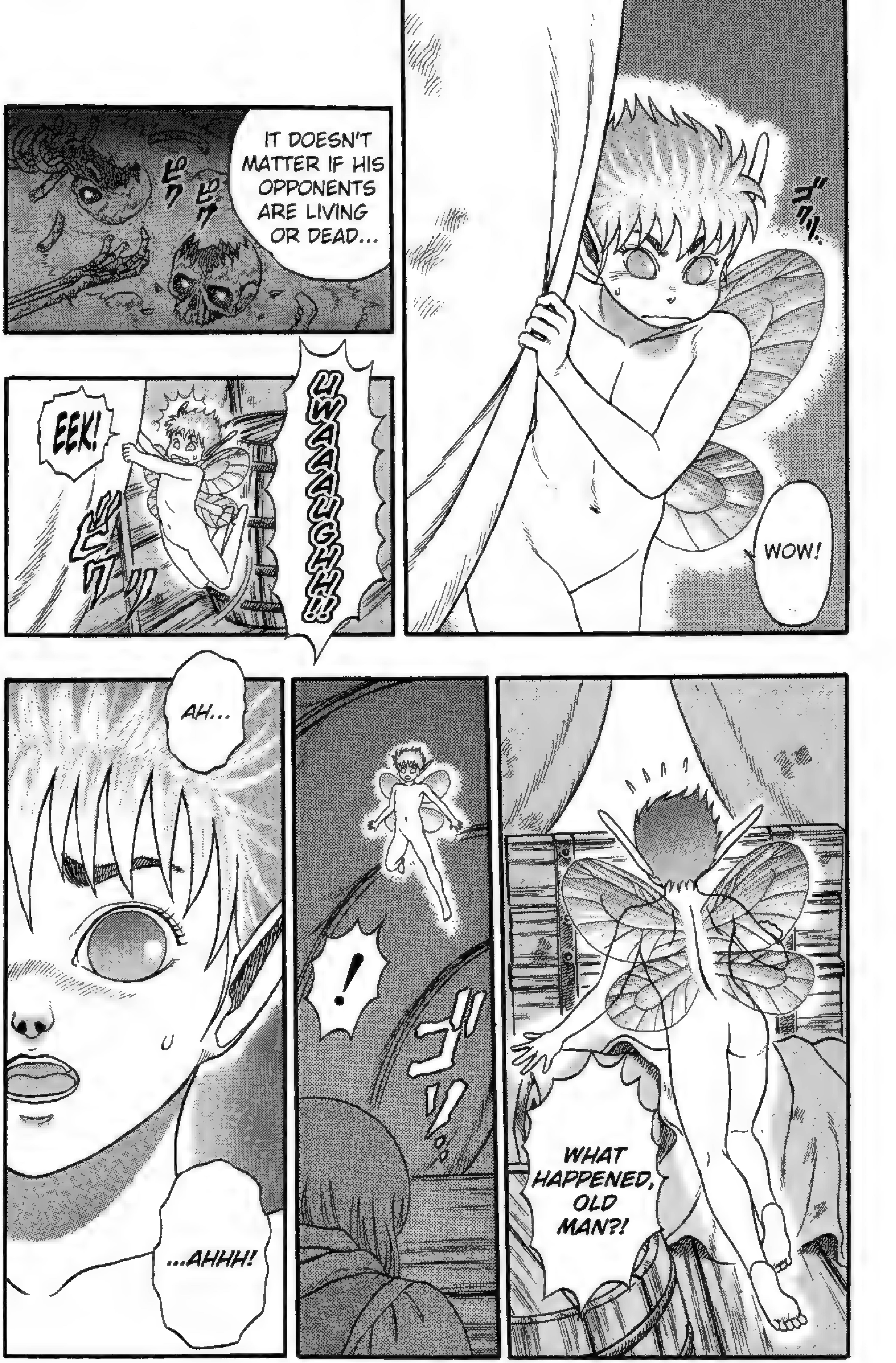
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WOW!
IT DOESN'T MATTER IF HIS OPPONENTS ARE LIVING OR DEAD...
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UWAAAAUGHH!!
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WHAT HAPPENED, OLD MAN?!
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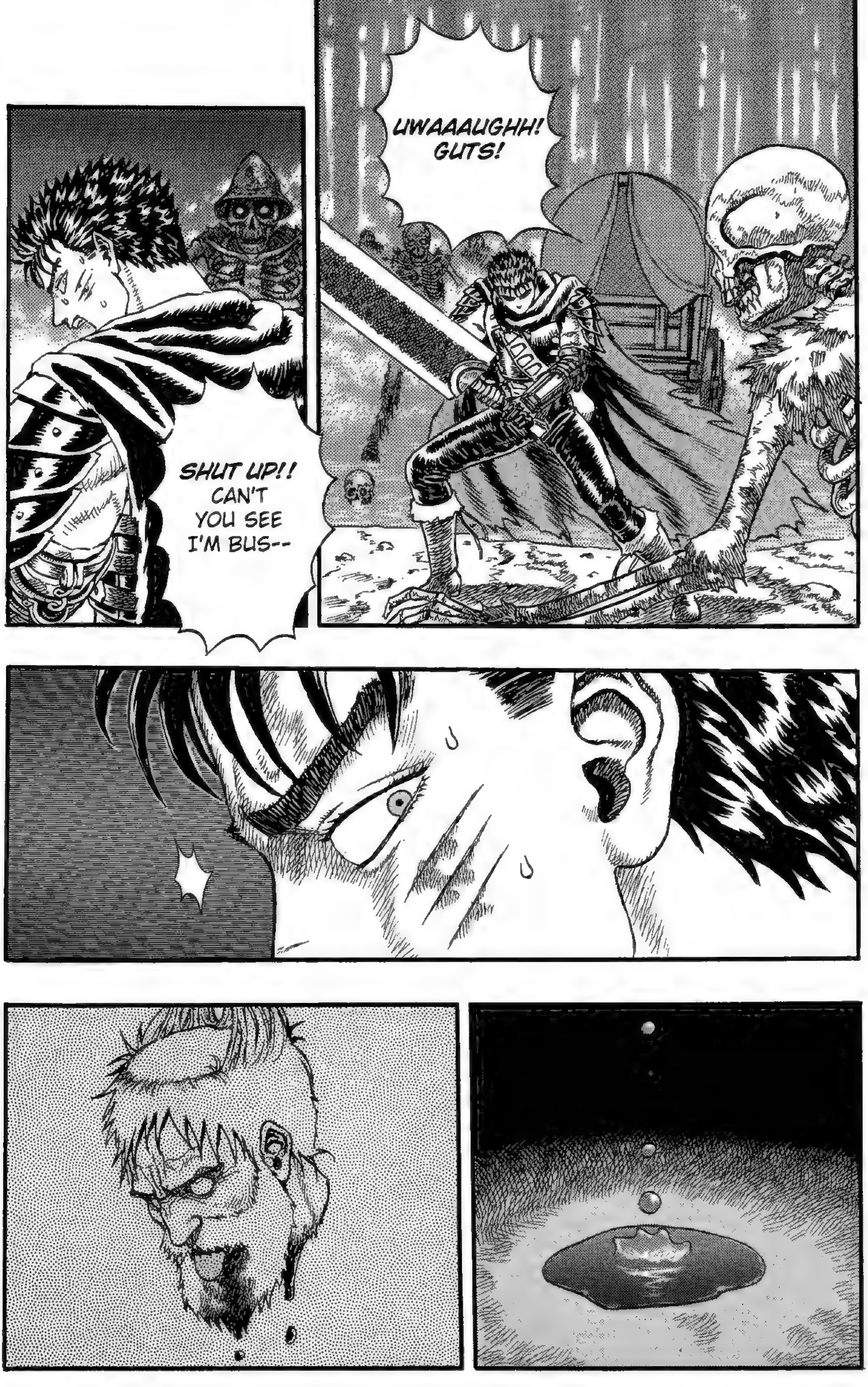
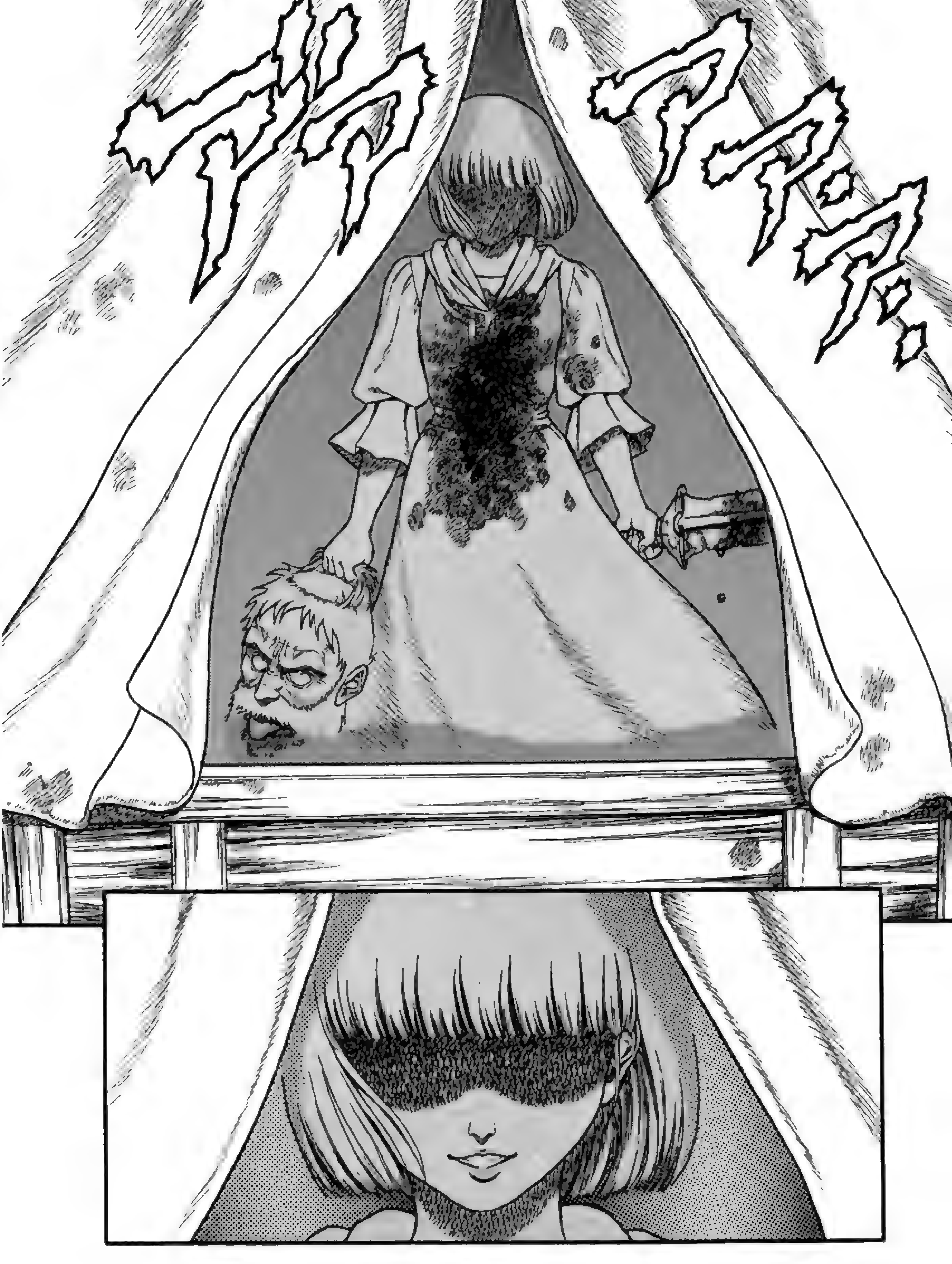
AH...
...AHHH!


UWAAAUGHH! GUTS!
SHUT UP!! CAN'T YOU SEE I'M BUS--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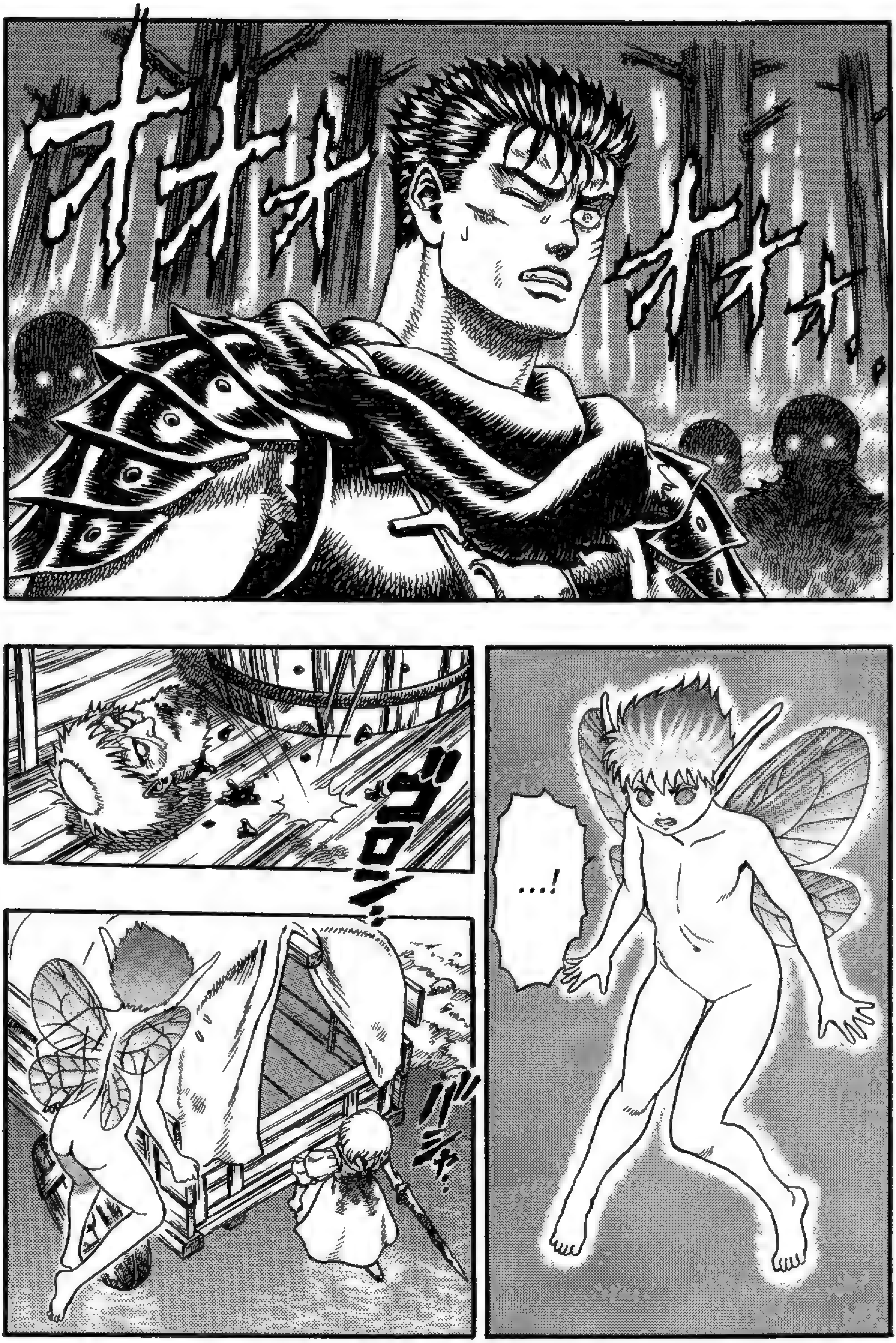
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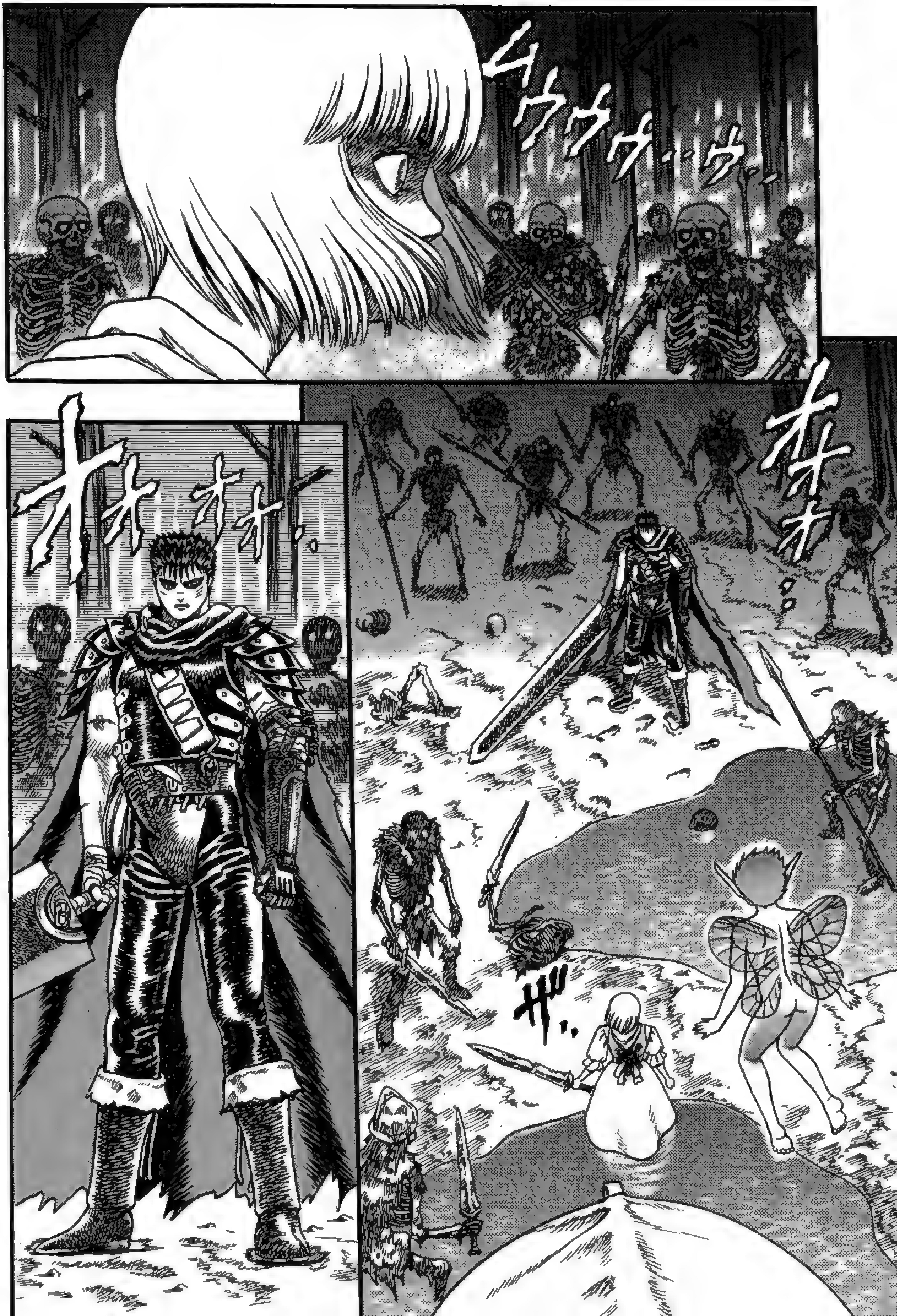
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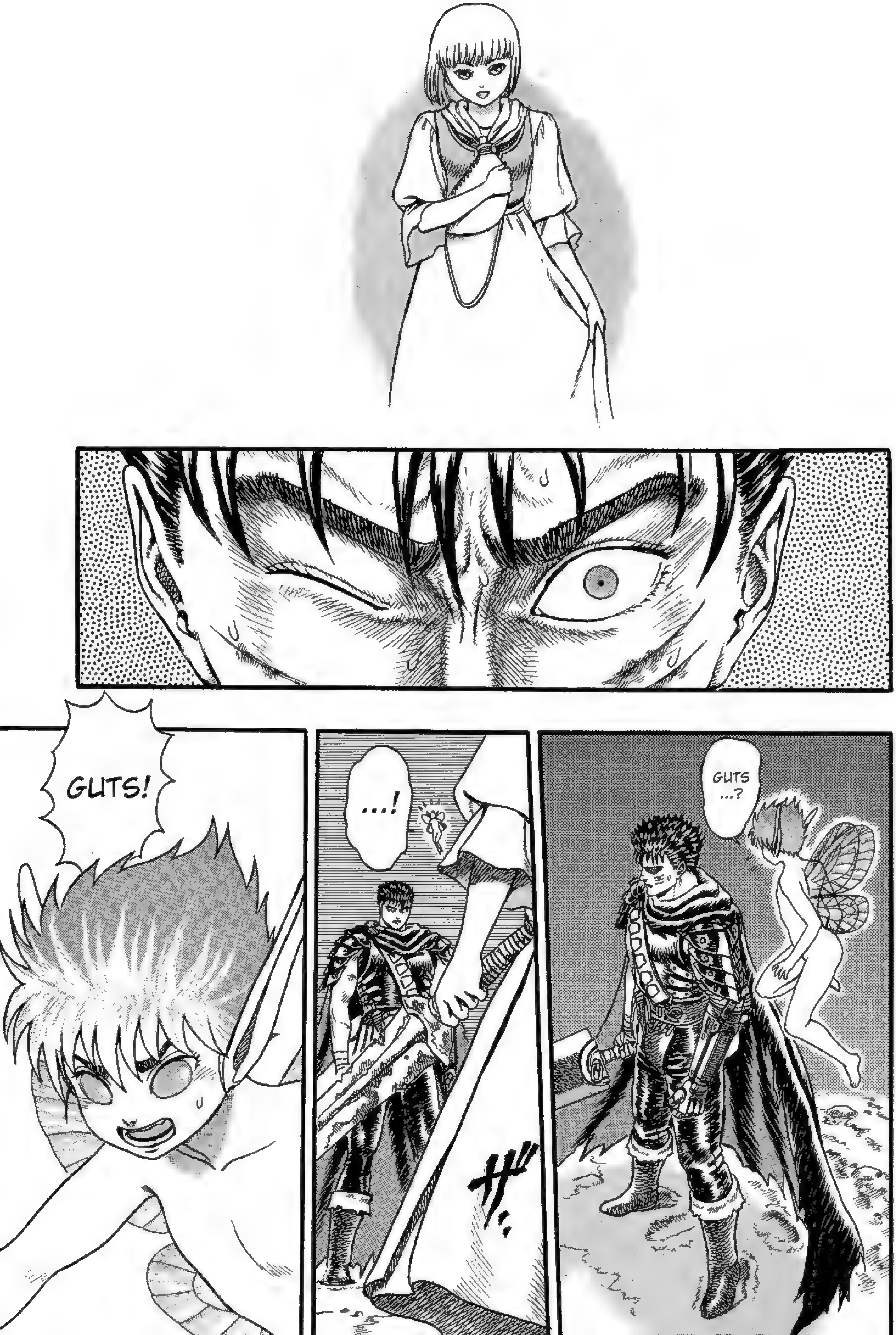
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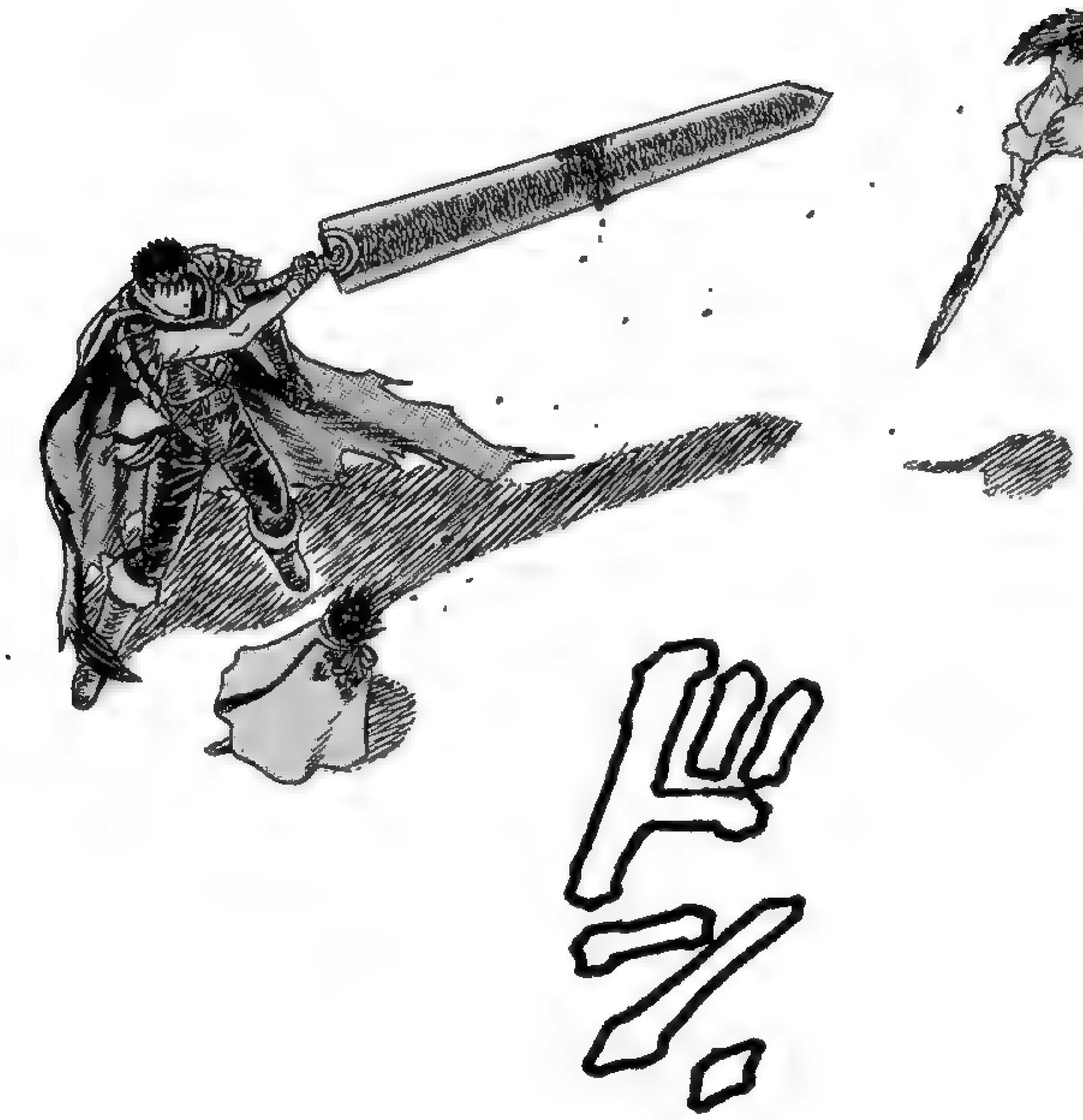
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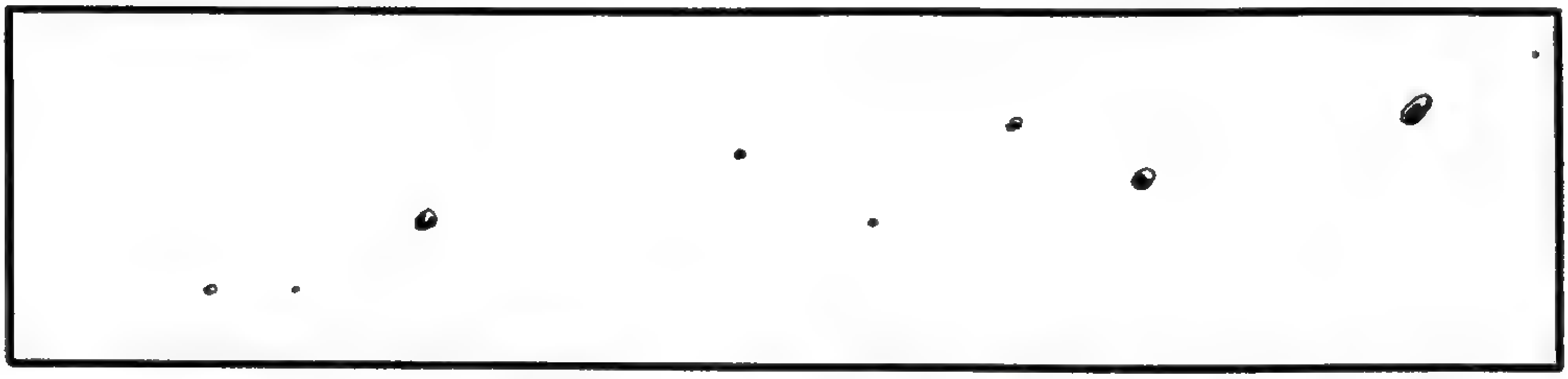

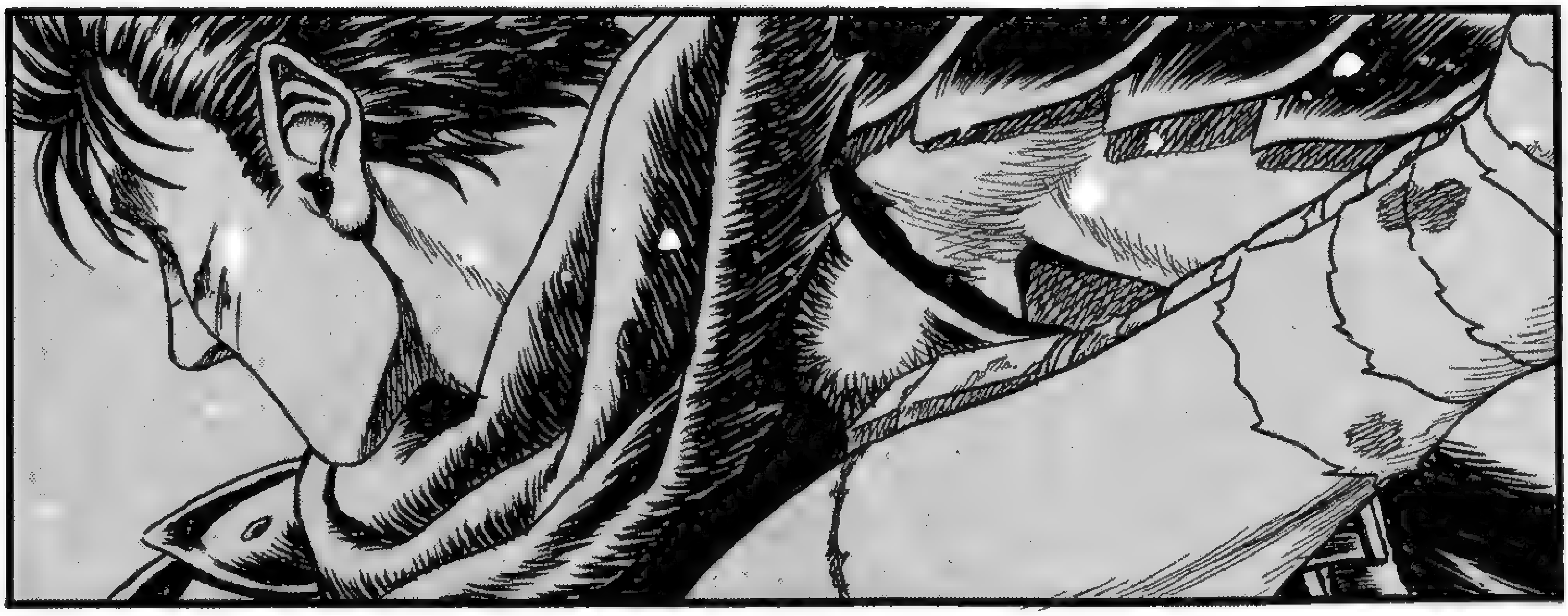

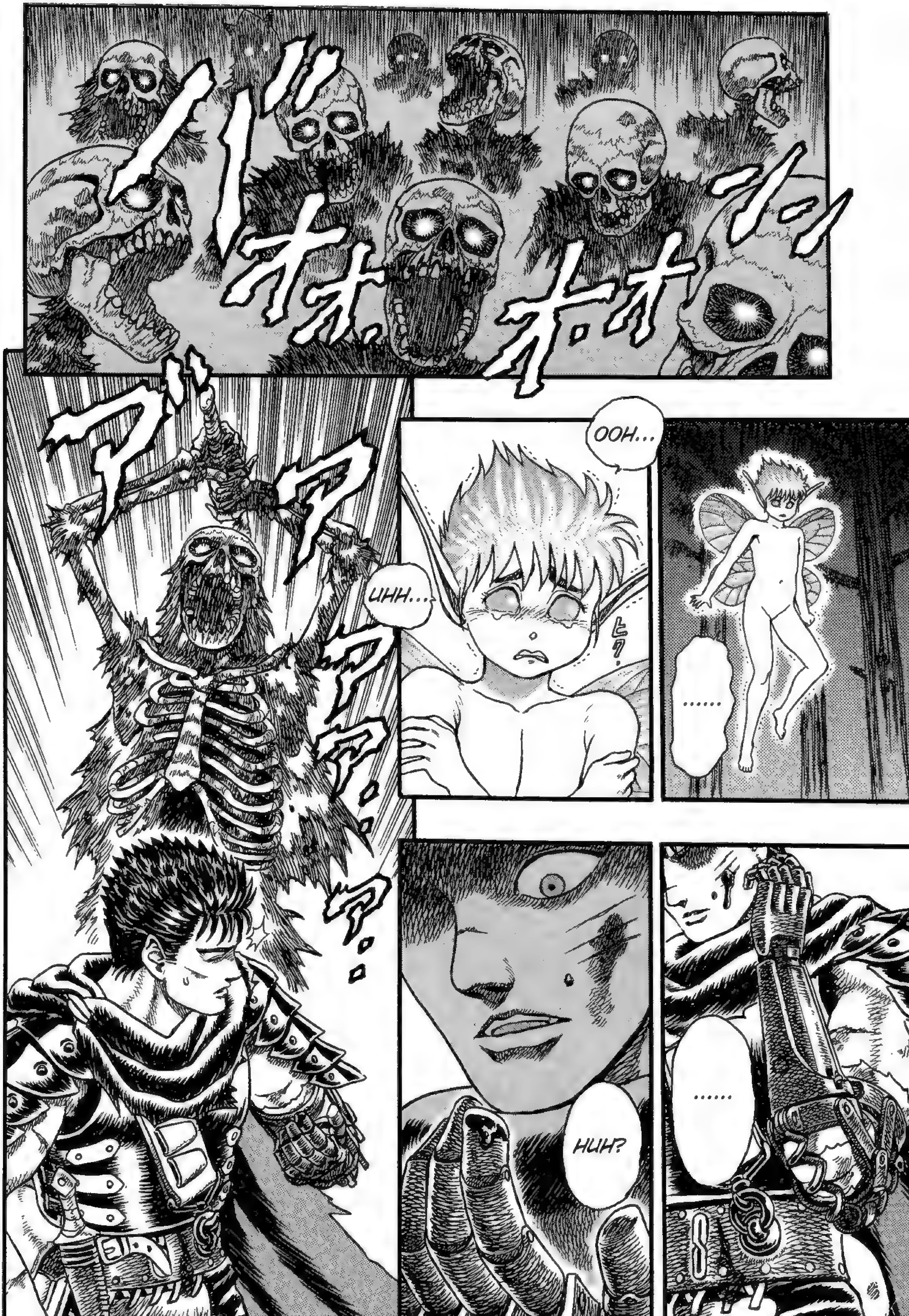
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HUH?

-GUGGH!-
WATCH OUT!
-UGUUUGGHH!-
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GUTS!
-GAAGHH!-

-HAHN-
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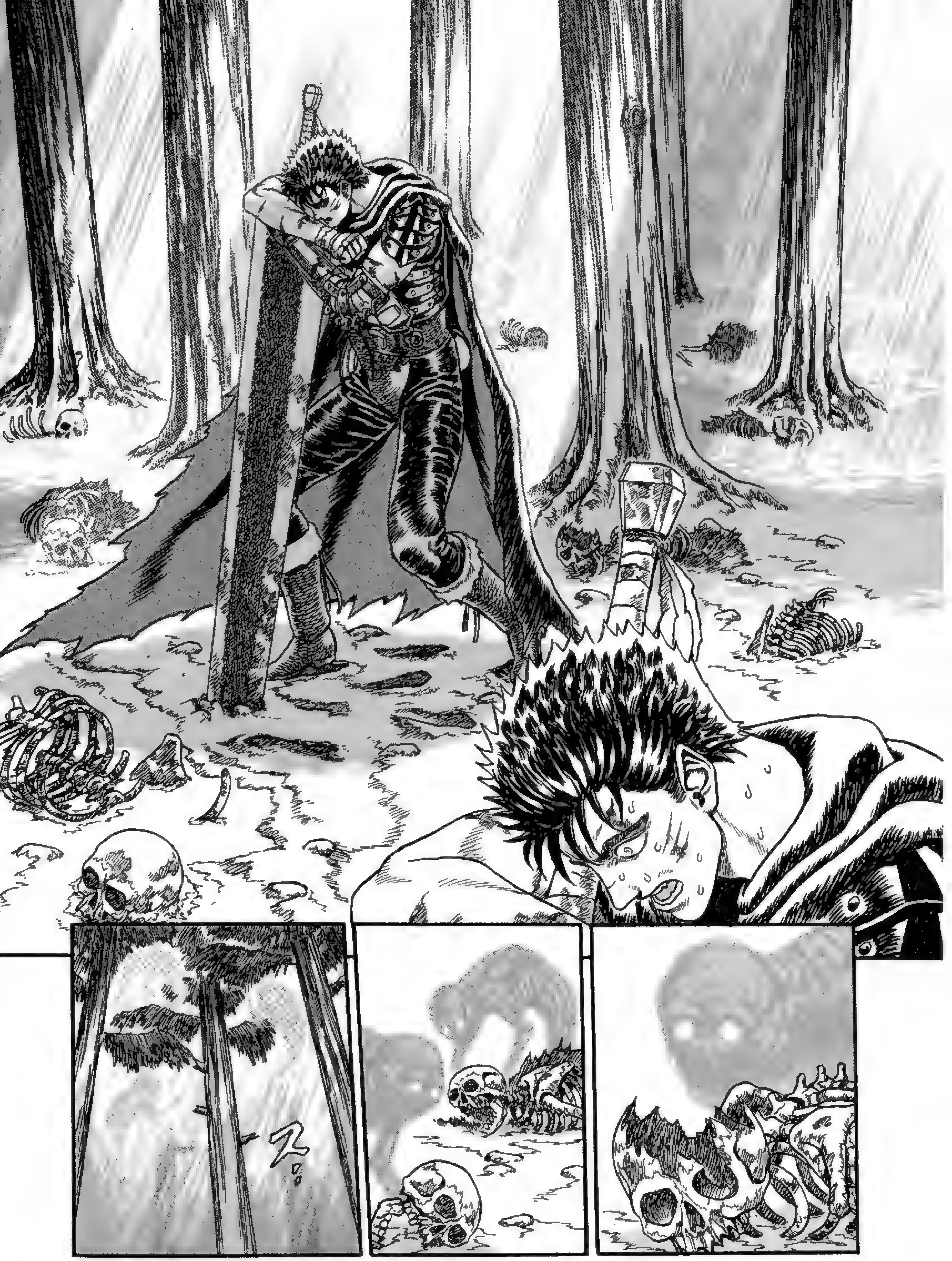
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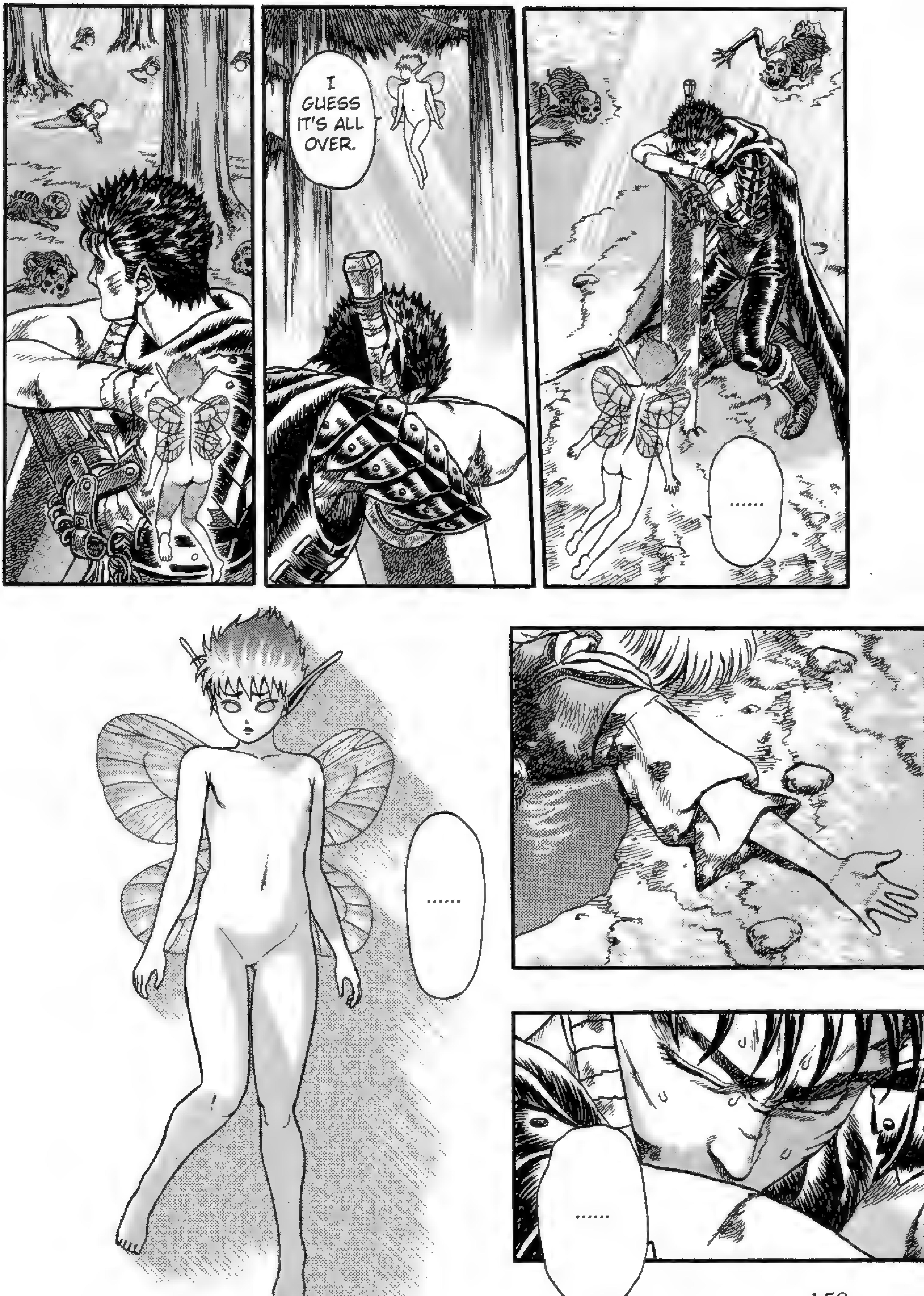
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I GUESS IT'S ALL OVER.
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IT WASN'T...
...YOUR FAULT.
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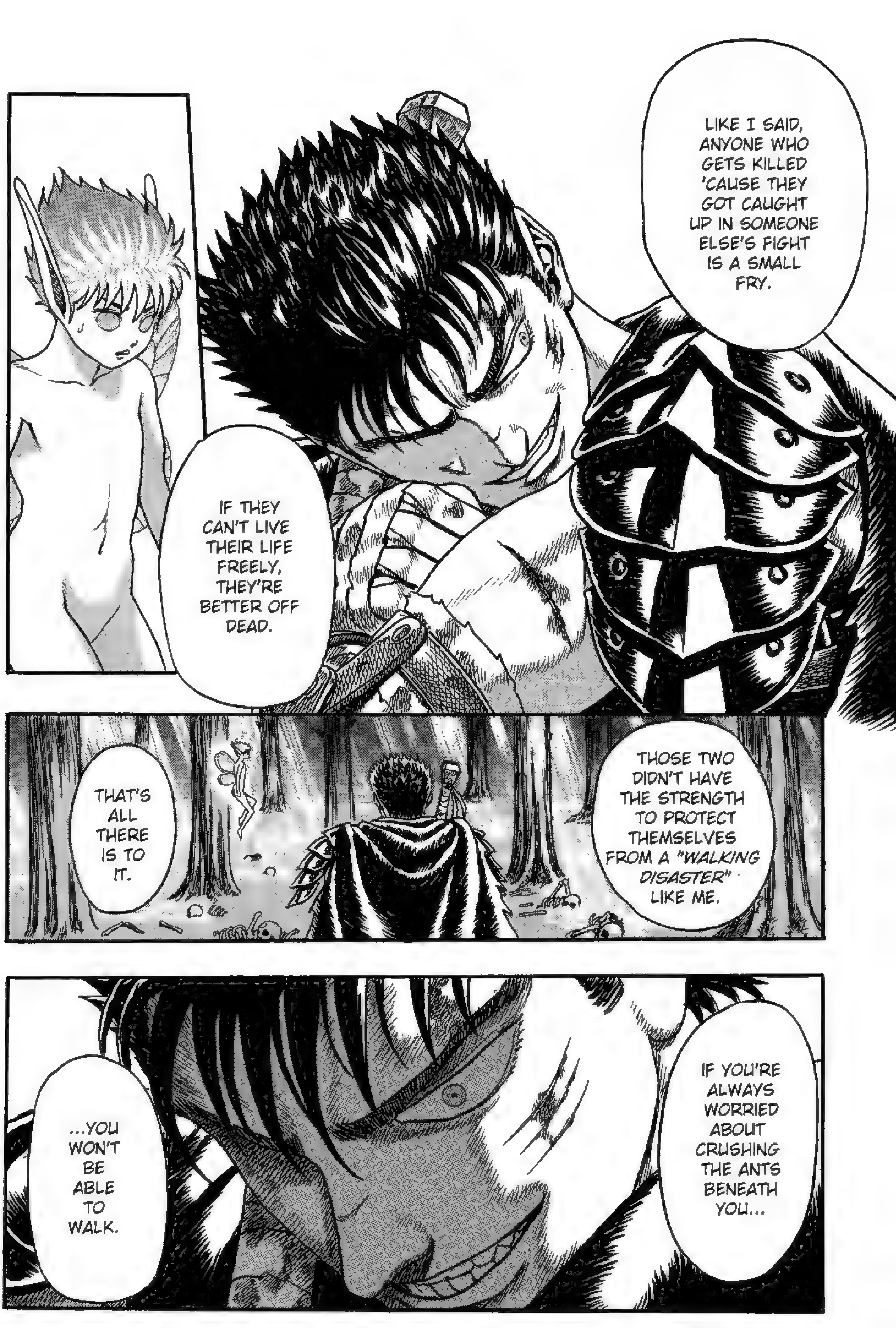
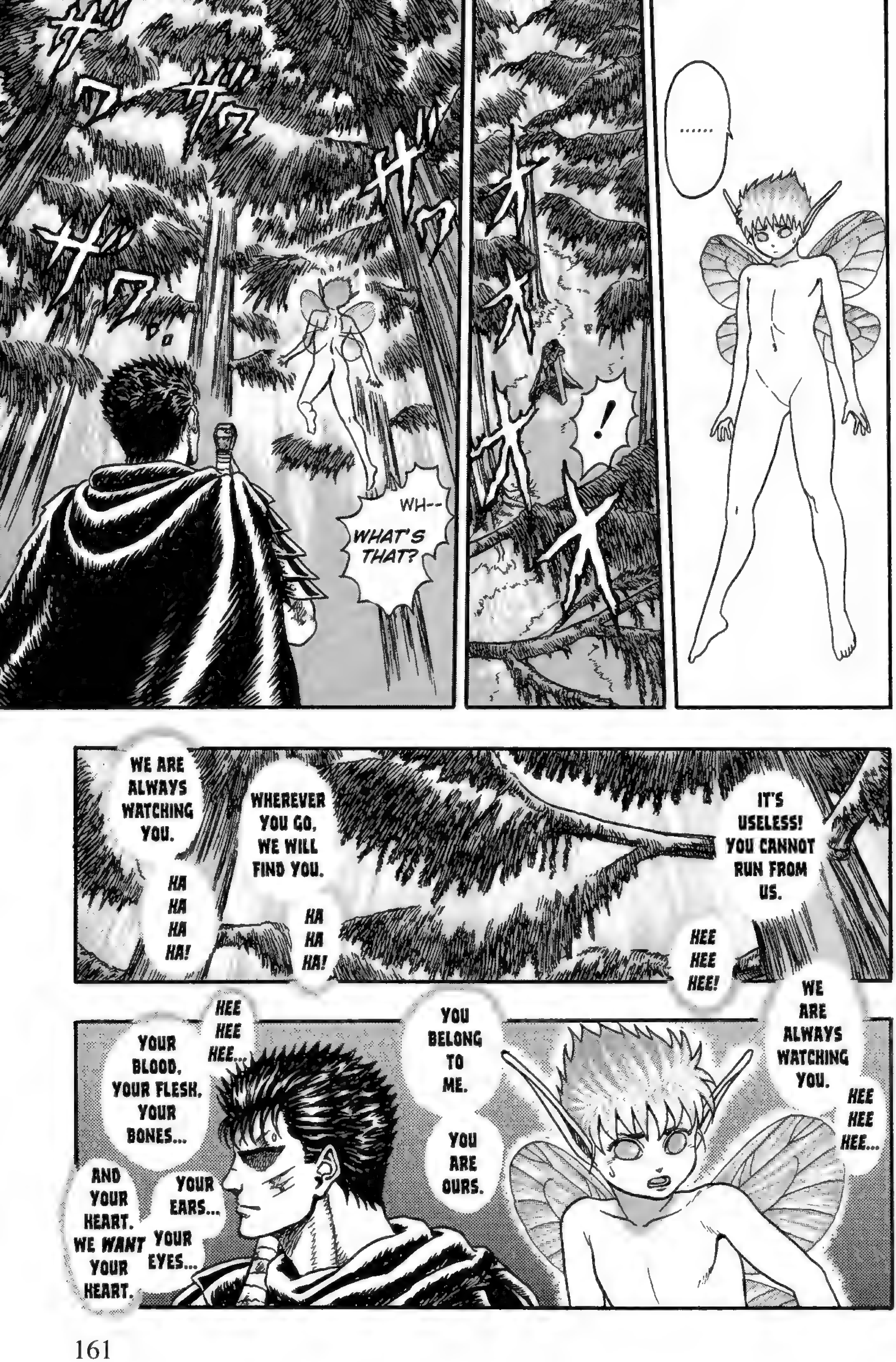
HA HA HA HA HA!
HA HA... YEAH, THAT'S TRUE.
YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT.


LIKE I SAID, ANYONE WHO GETS KILLED 'CAUSE THEY GOT CAUGHT UP IN SOMEONE ELSE'S FIGHT IS A SMALL FRY.
IF THEY CAN'T LIVE THEIR LIFE FREELY, THEY'RE BETTER OFF DEAD.
THOSE TWO DIDN'T HAVE THE STRENGTH TO PROTECT THEMSELVES FROM A *"WALKING DISASTER"* LIKE ME.
THAT'S ALL THERE IS TO IT.
IF YOU'RE ALWAYS WORRIED ABOUT CRUSHING THE ANTS BENEATH YOU...
...YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO WALK.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WH-- WHAT'S THAT?
IT'S USELESS! YOU CANNOT RUN FROM US.
HEE HEE HEE!
WHEREVER YOU GO, WE WILL FIND YOU.
HA HA HA!
WE ARE ALWAYS WATCHING YOU.
HA HA HA HA!
WE ARE ALWAYS WATCHING YOU.
HEE HEE HEE...
YOU BELONG TO ME.
YOU ARE OURS.
HEE HEE HEE...
YOUR BLOOD, YOUR FLESH, YOUR BONES...
YOUR EARS... YOUR EYES...
AND YOUR HEART. WE WANT YOUR HEART.

SO LONG AS YOU HAVE THAT BRAND...
SHUT UP...
YES, SO LONG AS YOU HAVE THAT BRAND...
WHEREVER YOU ARE, YOU BELONG TO US.
YOU CANNOT RUN FROM US.
YOUR ANGER, YOUR SADNESS, YOUR PAIN...
SHUT UP...
EVEN YOUR FEAR...
ALL OF THEM BELONG TO US!
SHUT UPPPPPP!
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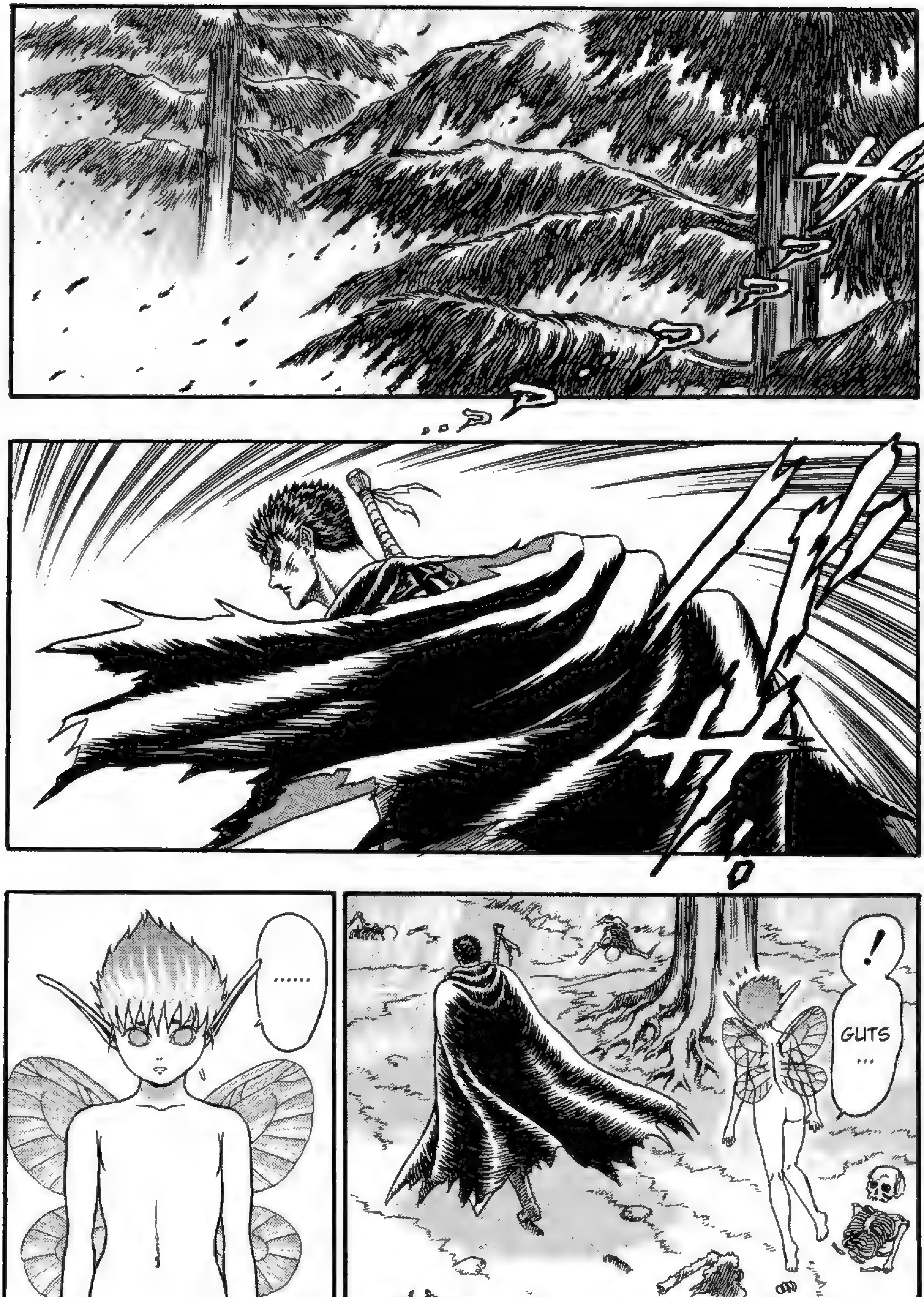
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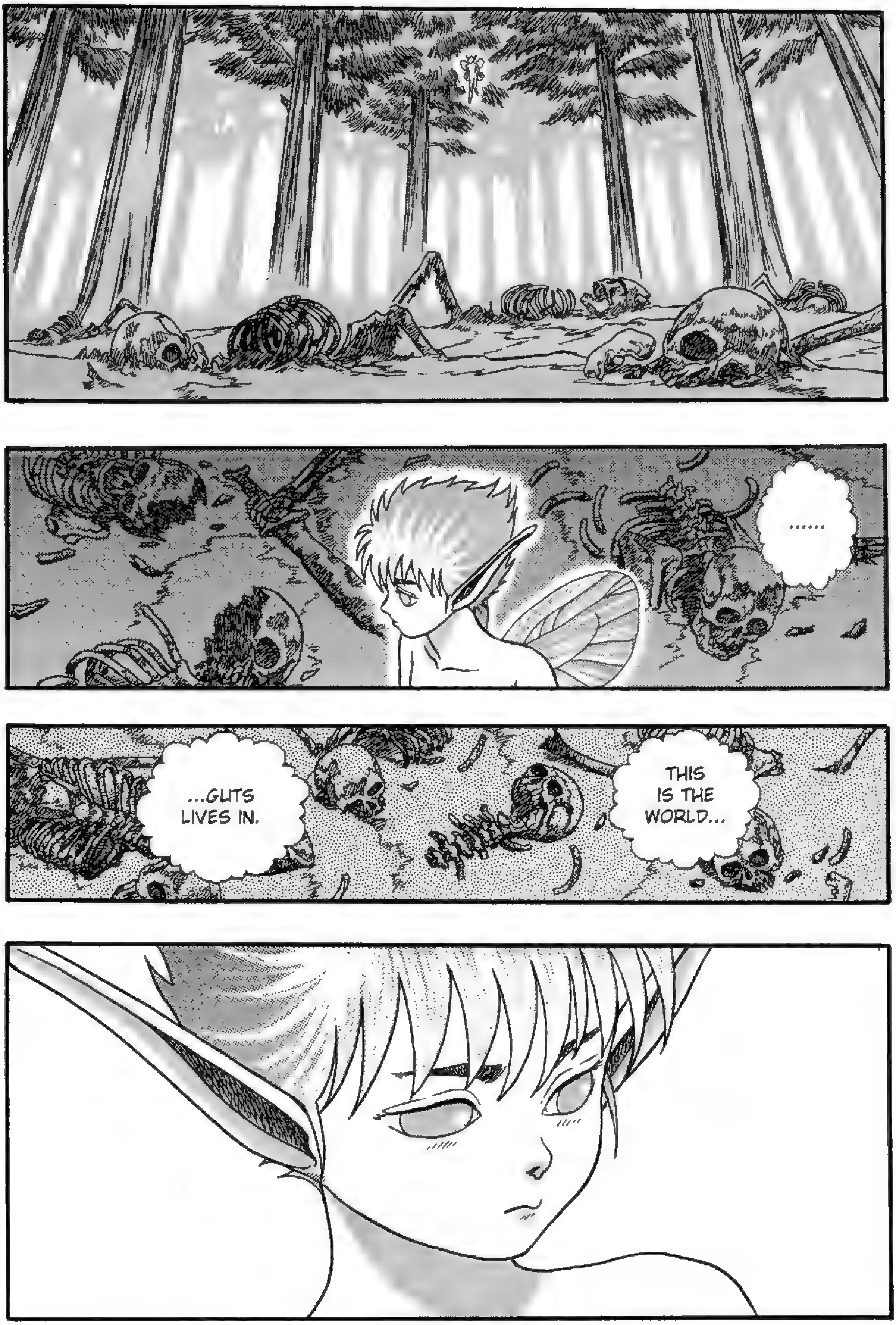
GUTS ...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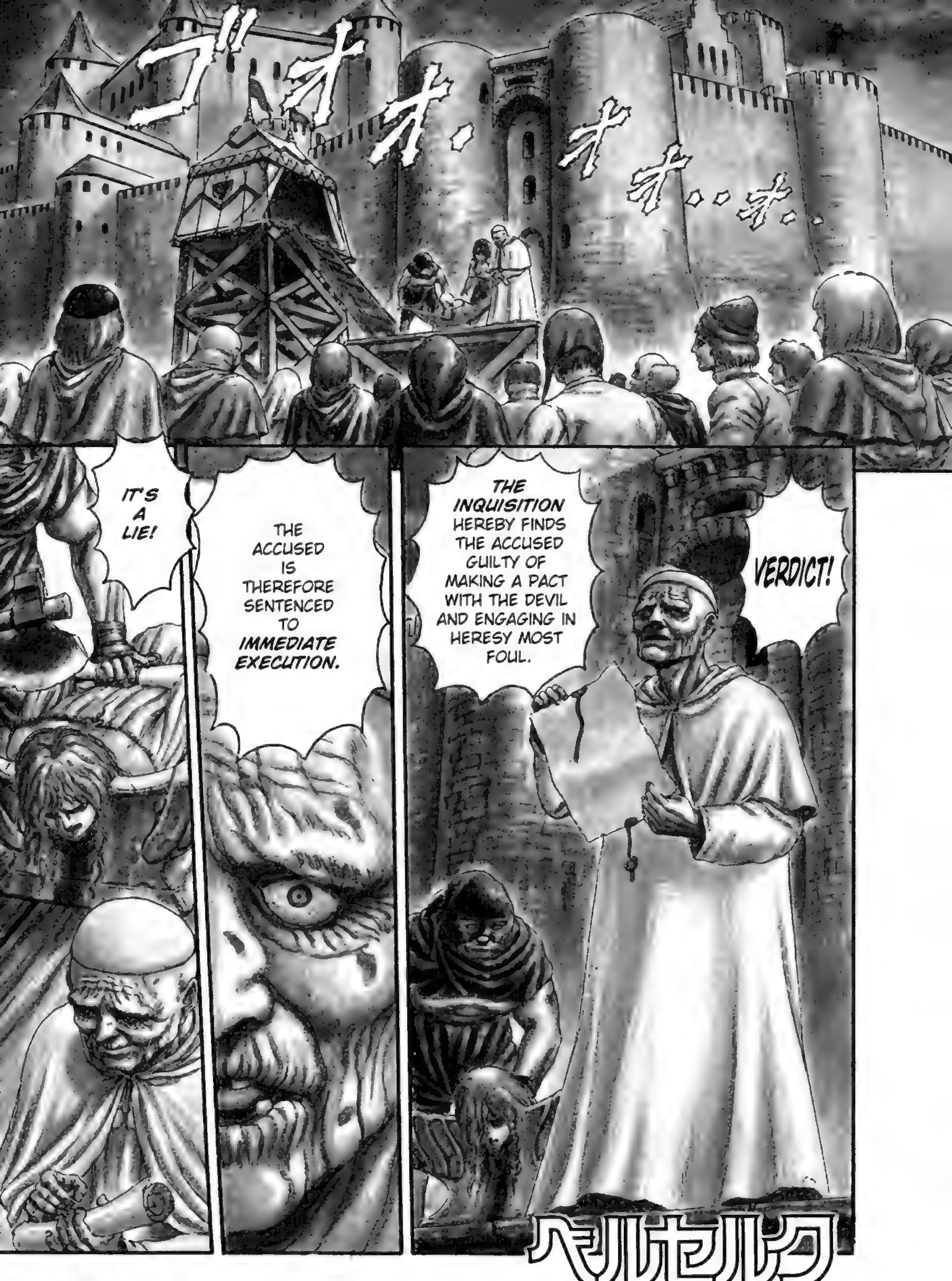
THIS IS THE WORLD…
…GUTS LIVES IN.

THE BRAND: END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VERDICT!
THE *INQUISITION* HEREBY FINDS THE ACCUSED GUILTY OF MAKING A PACT WITH THE DEVIL AND ENGAGING IN HERESY MOST FOUL.
THE ACCUSED IS THEREFORE SENTENCED TO *IMMEDIATE EXECUTION.*
IT'S A LIE!
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ベルセルク

欲望の守護天使(1)

THE GUARDIANS OF DESIRE, PART ONE

YOU'VE GOT TO BELIEVE ME!
I'M NOT A HERETIC!
I SWEAR!
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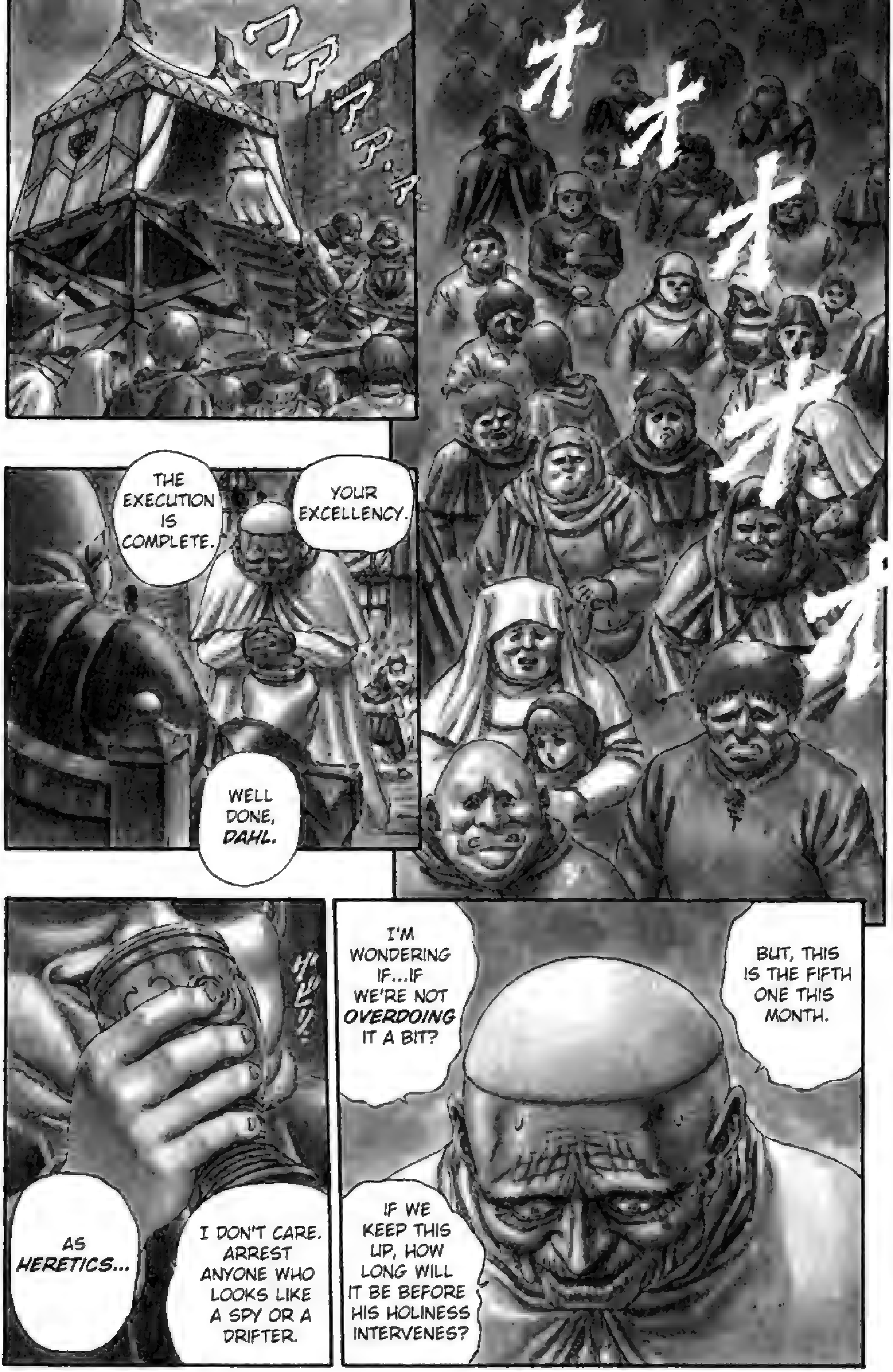
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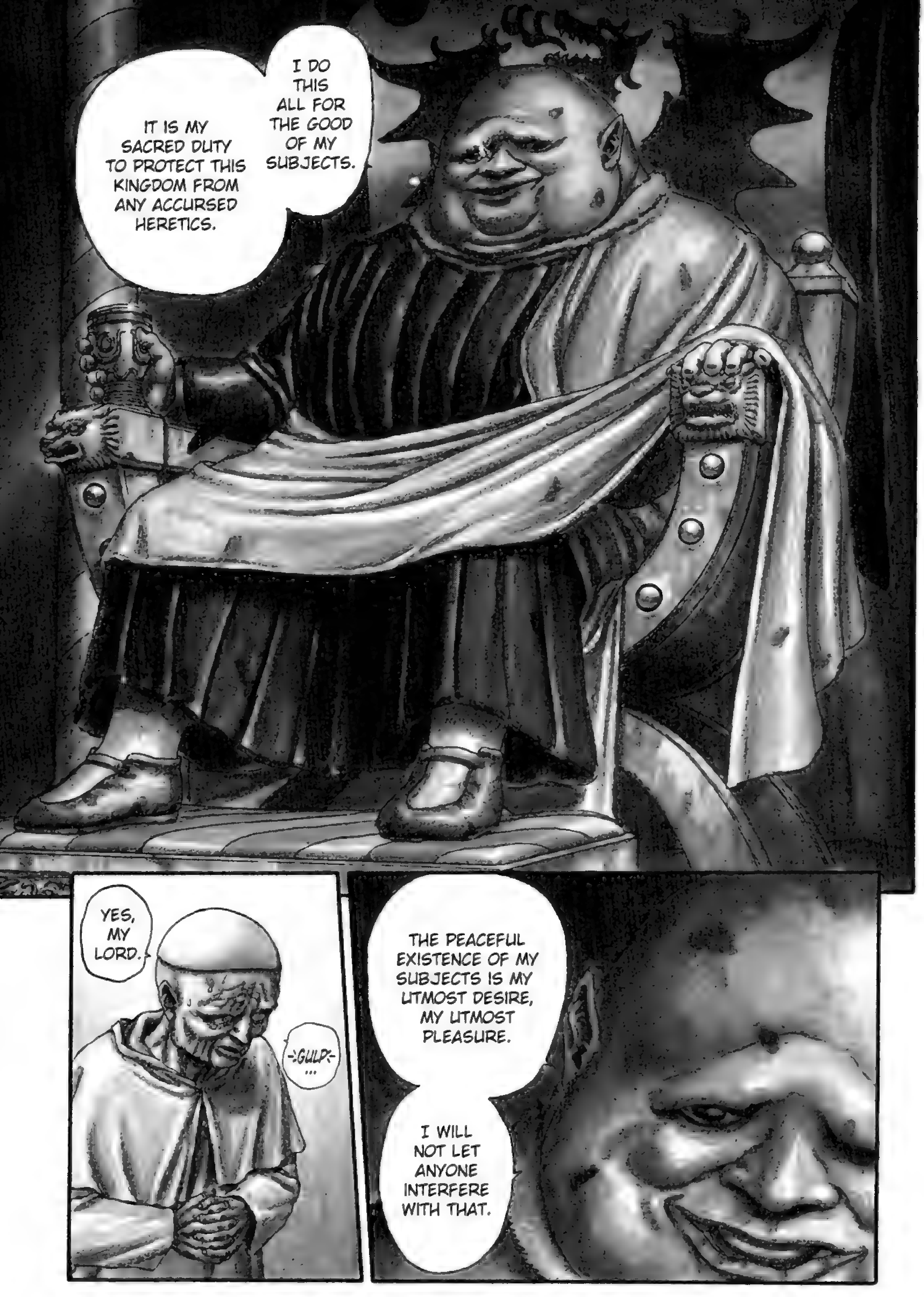
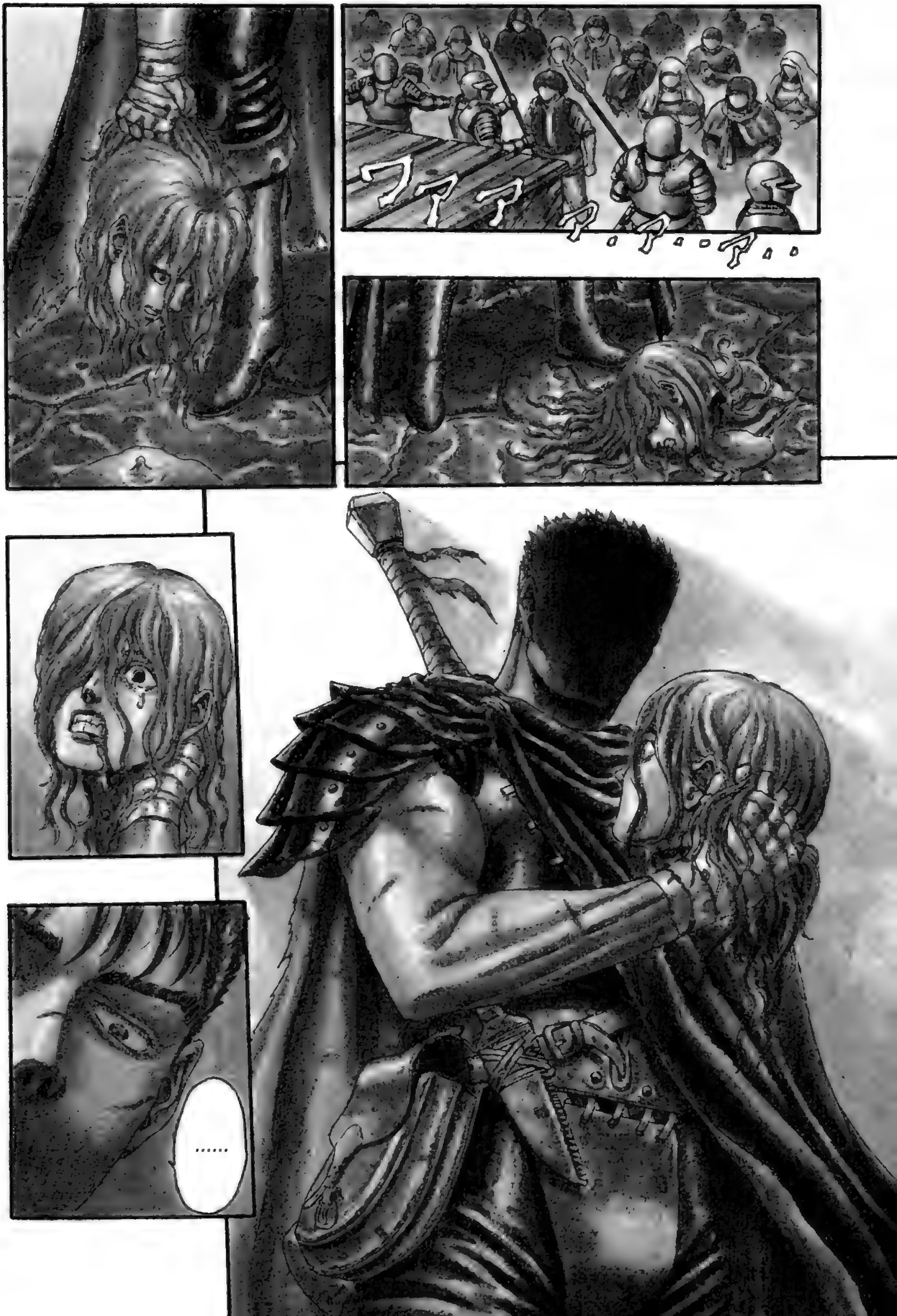
YOUR EXCELLENCY.
THE EXECUTION IS COMPLETE.
WELL DONE, *DAHL.*
BUT, THIS IS THE FIFTH ONE THIS MONTH.
I'M WONDERING IF...IF WE'RE NOT *OVERDOING* IT A BIT?
IF WE KEEP THIS UP, HOW LONG WILL IT BE BEFORE HIS HOLINESS INTERVENES?
I DON'T CARE. ARREST ANYONE WHO LOOKS LIKE A SPY OR A DRIFTER.
AS *HERETICS...*


IT IS MY SACRED DUTY TO PROTECT THIS KINGDOM FROM ANY ACCURSED HERETICS.
I DO THIS ALL FOR THE GOOD OF MY SUBJECTS.
YES, MY LORD.
-GULP- ...
THE PEACEFUL EXISTENCE OF MY SUBJECTS IS MY UTMOST DESIRE, MY UTMOST PLEASURE.
I WILL NOT LET ANYONE INTERFERE WITH THAT.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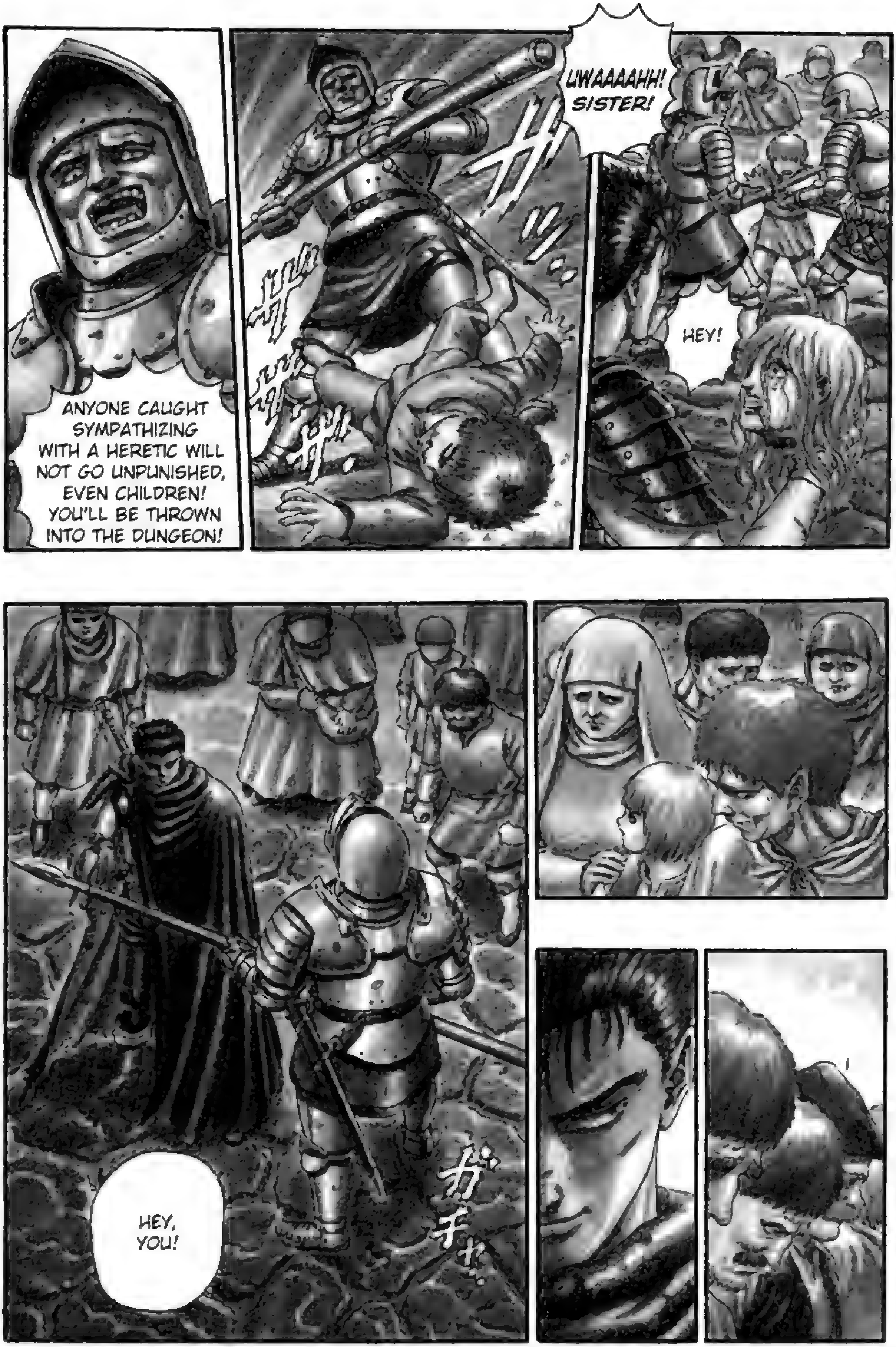
UWAAAAHH! SISTER!
HEY!
ANYONE CAUGHT SYMPATHIZING WITH A HERETIC WILL NOT GO UNPUNISHED, EVEN CHILDREN! YOU'LL BE THROWN INTO THE DUNGEON!
HEY, YOU!
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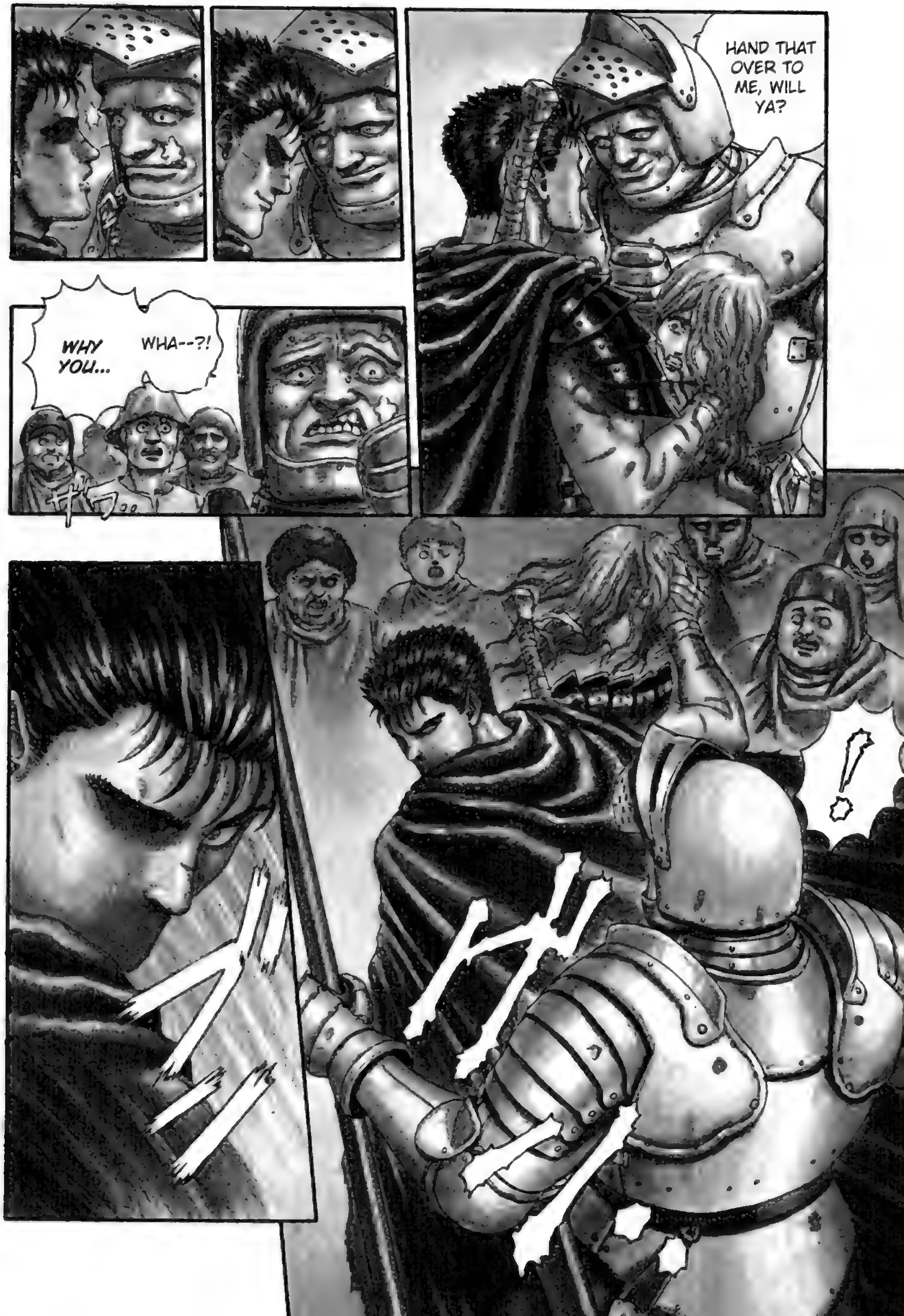
HAND THAT OVER TO ME, WILL YA?
WHA--?!
WHY YOU...
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!

YOUR EXCELLENCY! YO--
......

YOU...
...BASTARD!
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WHA--
WHAT IS *THIS?!*
THIS *MARK* IS..!
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Y-YOU! WHO ARE YOU?!
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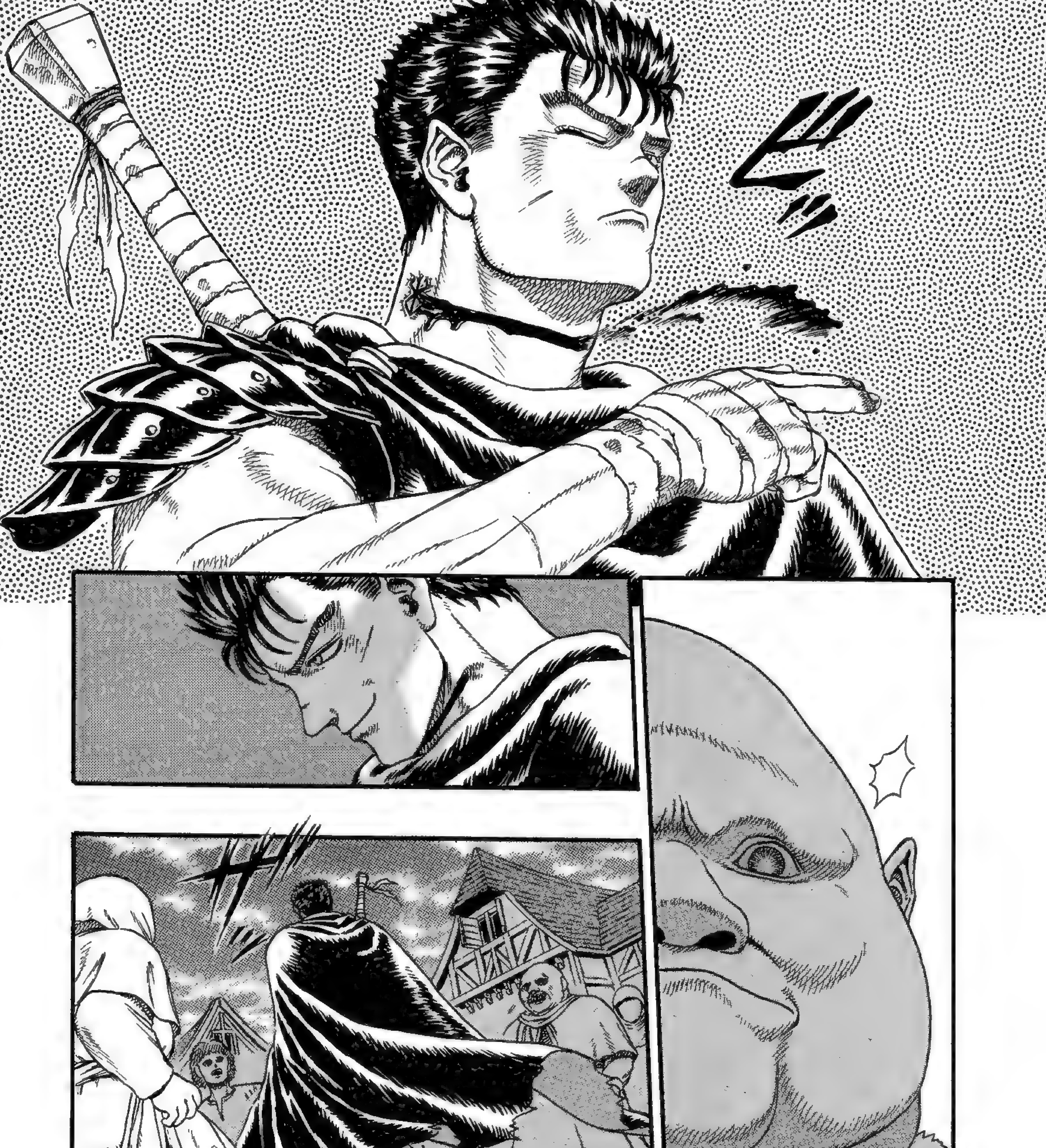
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WHO IN GOD'S NAME...?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING JUST **STANDING** THERE?! **AFTER HIM,** QUICKLY!
THE BLACK SWORDSMAN...
...HOW AMUSING.
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A DECLARATION OF WAR, PERHAPS?

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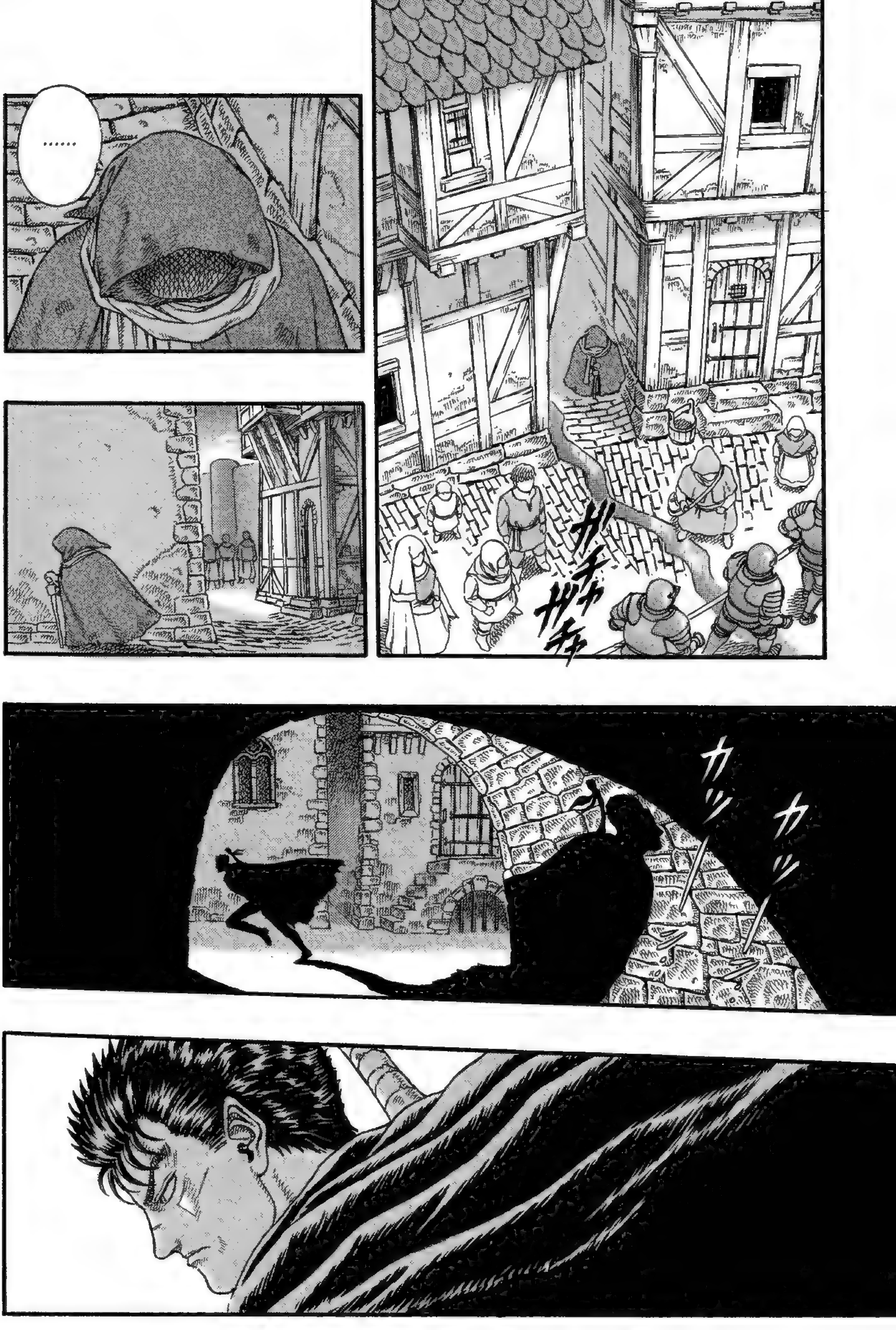
HEH HEH HEH...
HA HA HA HA HA HA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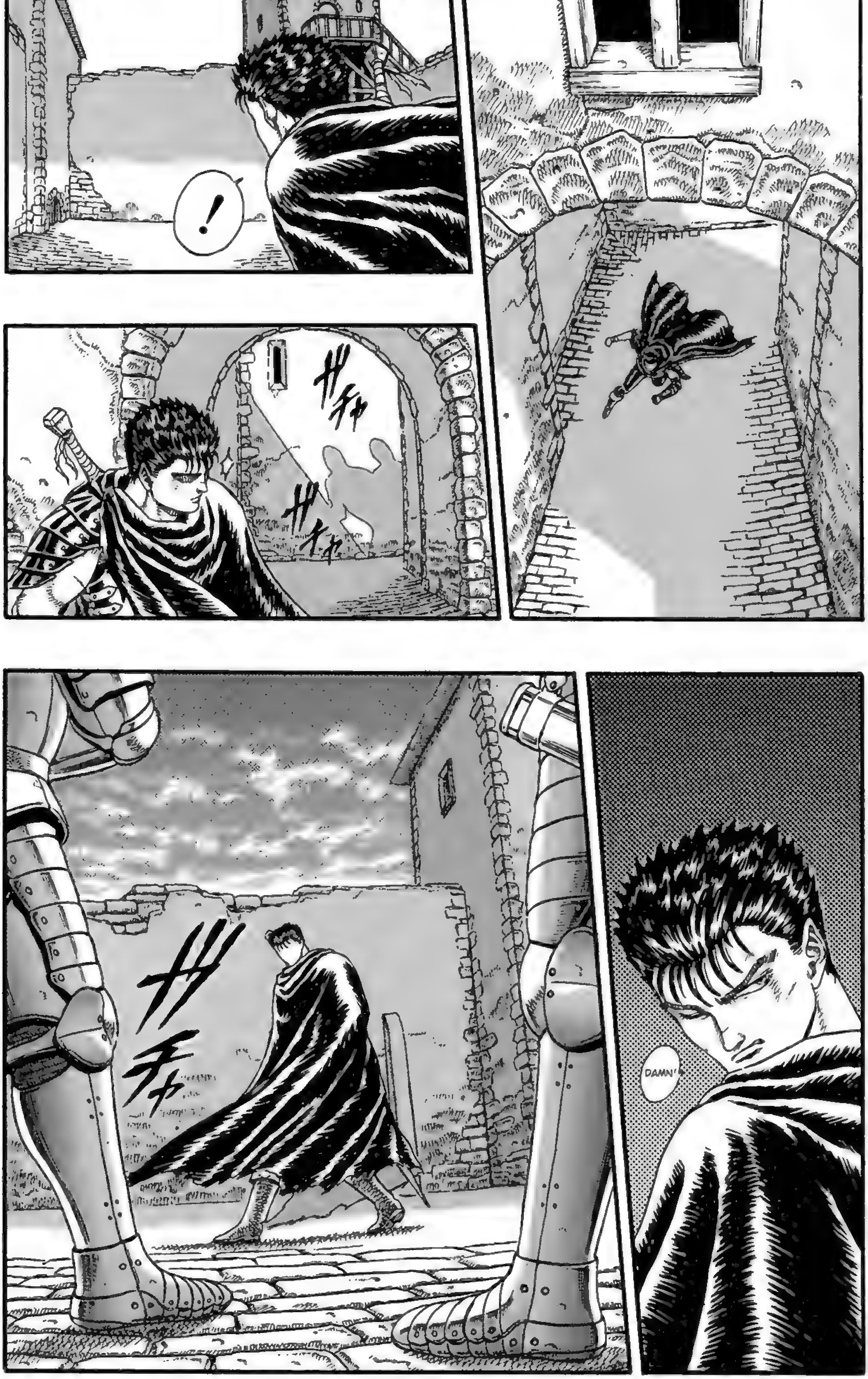
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BY DECREE OF THE INQUISITION, YOU ARE HEREBY PLACED UNDER ARREST FOR CONSPIRING WITH HERETICS!
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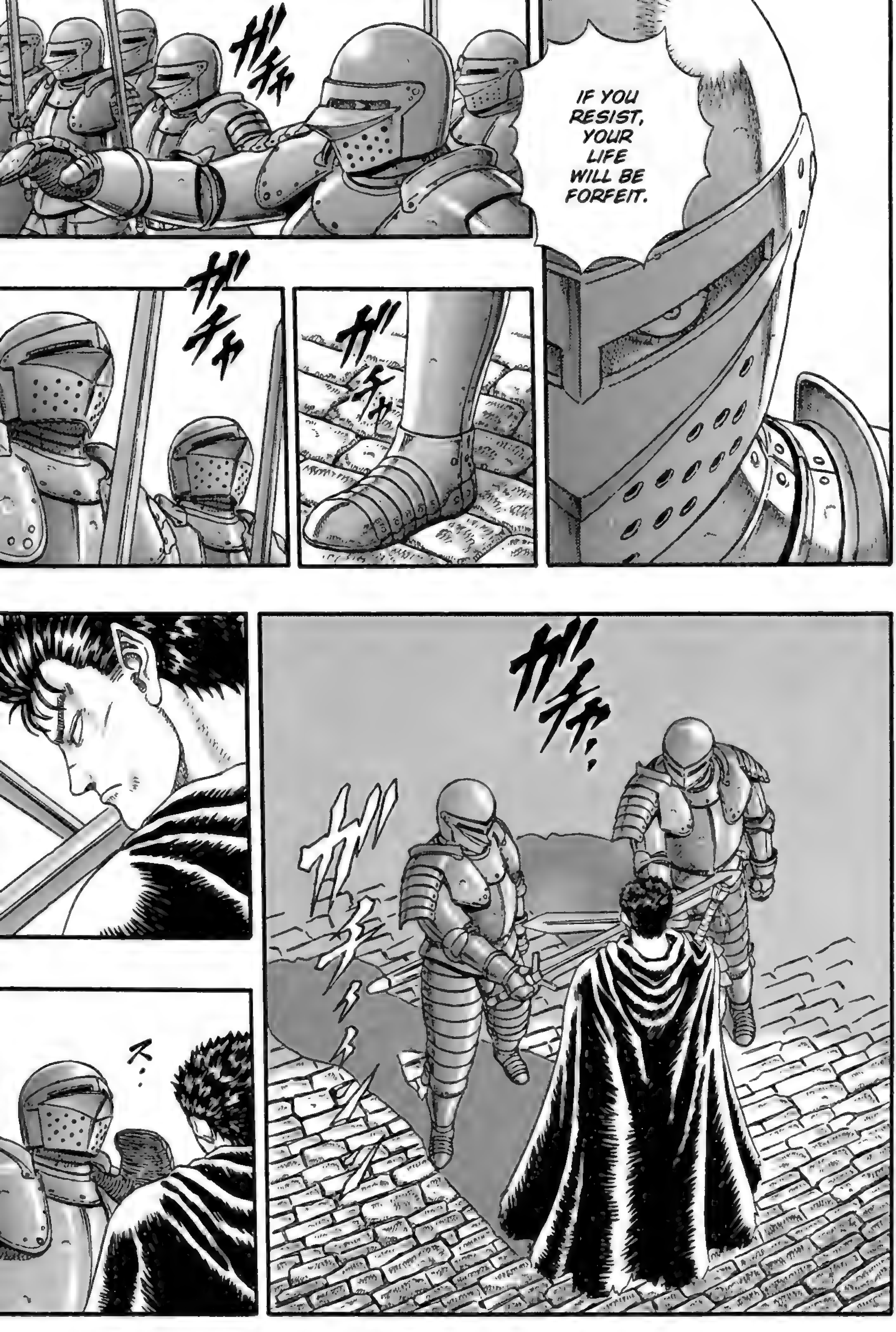
IF YOU RESIST, YOUR LIFE WILL BE FORFEIT.
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WH--
WHAT KIND OF SWORD IS *THAT?!*
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IT WAS MUCH TOO BIG TO BE CALLED A SWORD.
MASSIVE, THICK, HEAVY AND FAR TOO ROUGH.
INDEED, IT WAS LIKE A HEAP OF RAW IRON.
D-DON'T JUST STAND THERE! *CHARGE!*

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EEEK!!
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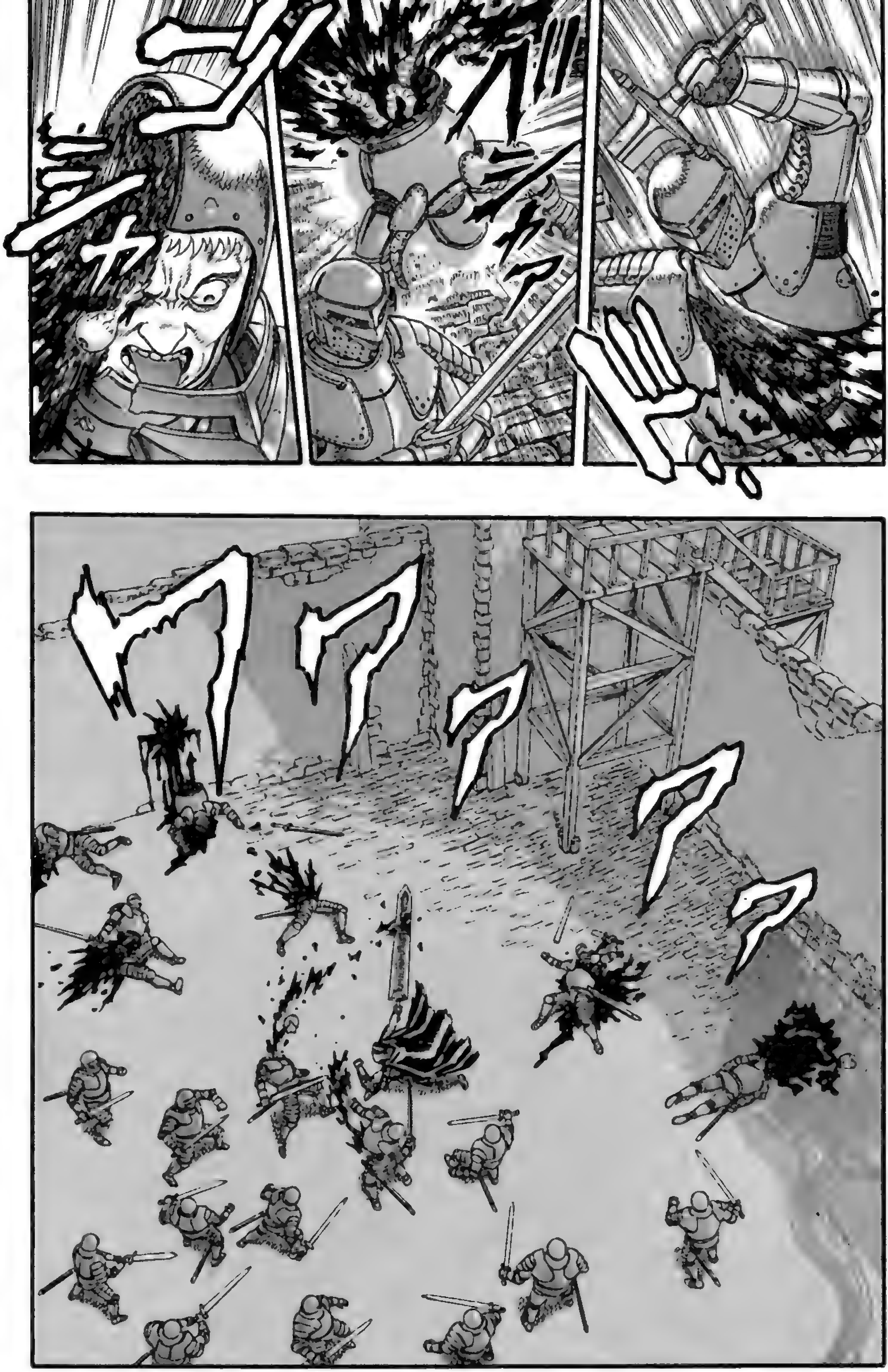
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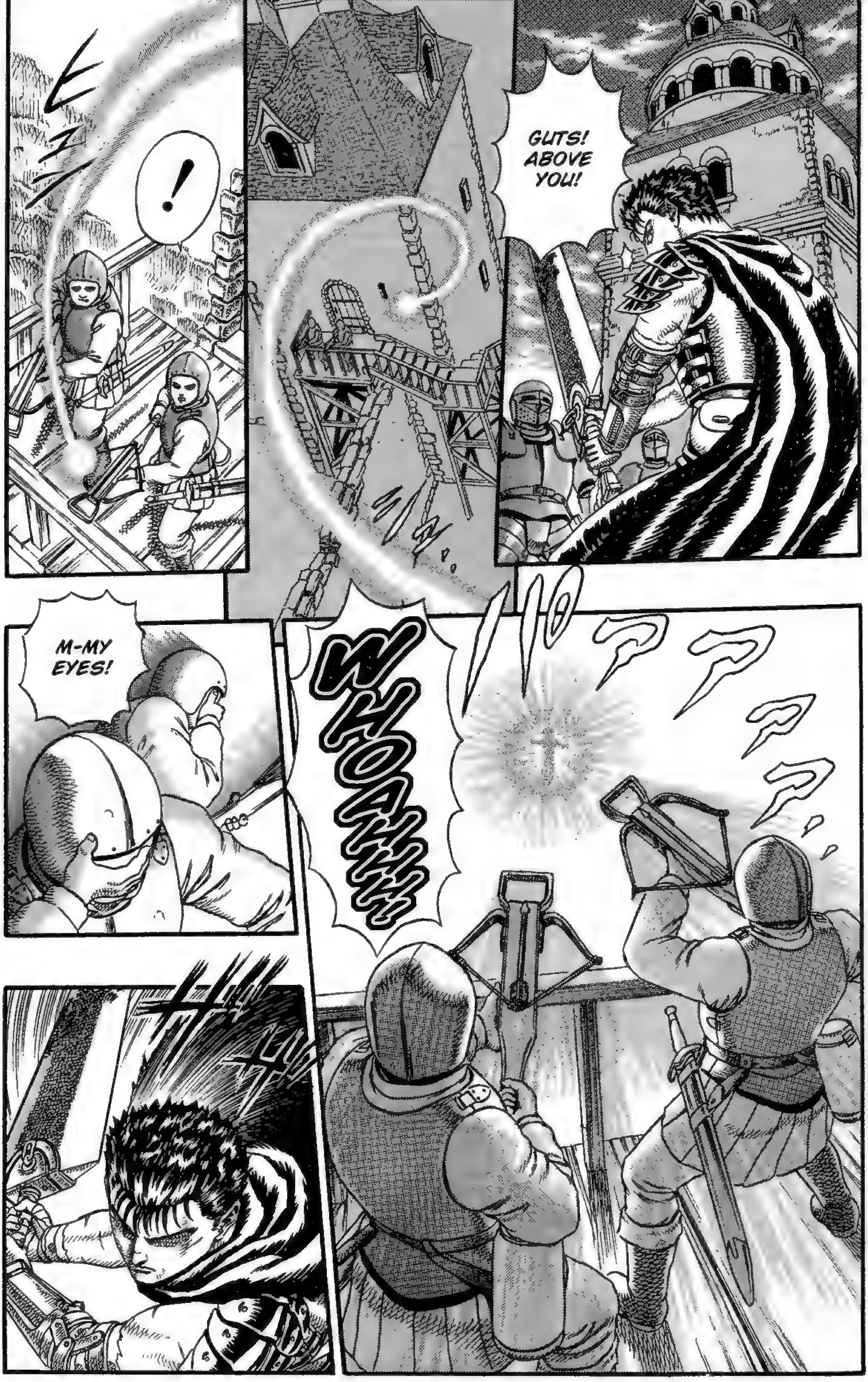
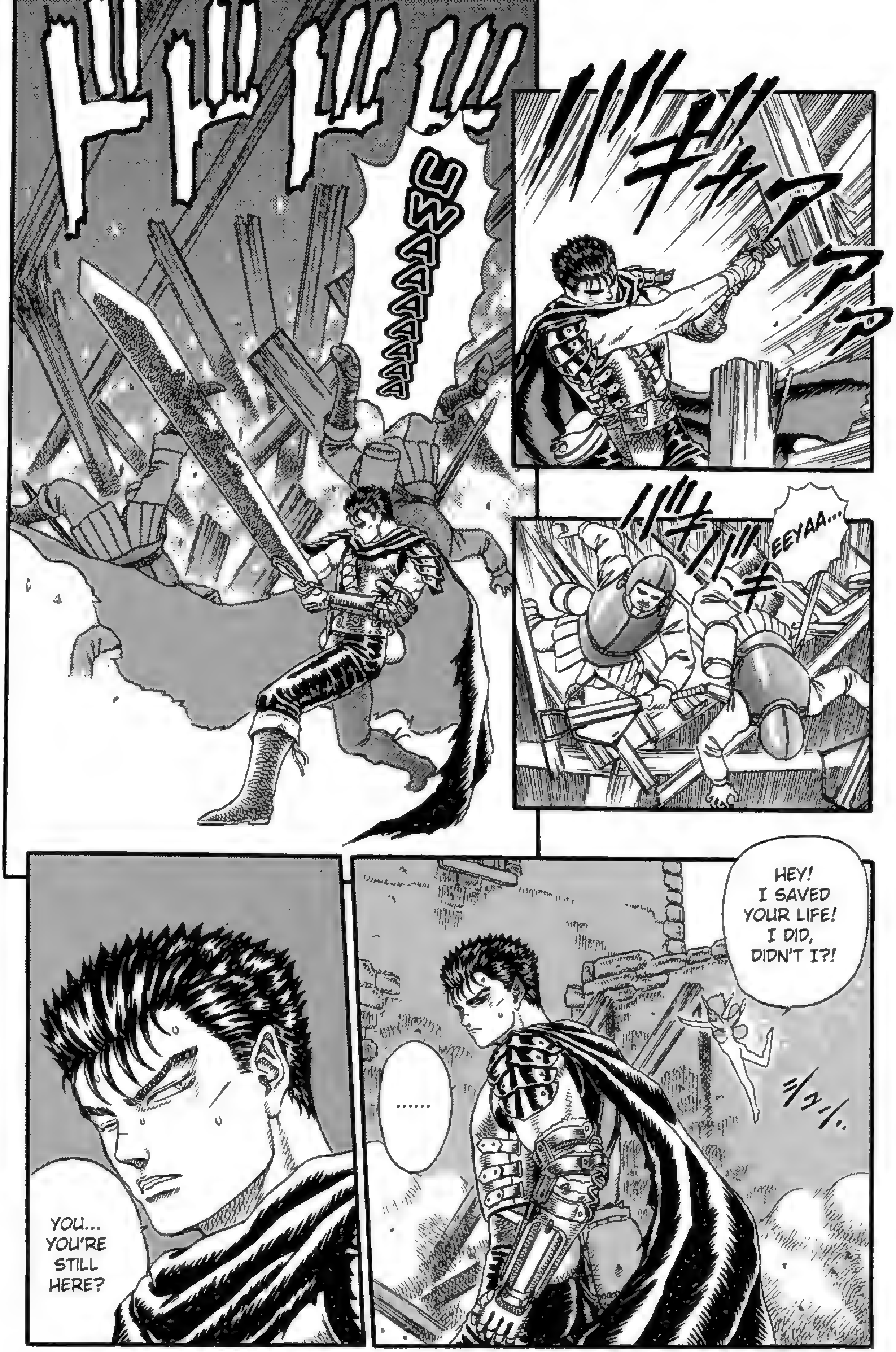
HE'S INHUMAN!
HE'S SLICING OUR ARMOR IN HALF WITH IT!
WH-WHAT AN INCREDIBLE SWORD!
EEEEK!!
UWAAAAAHH!!


GUTS! ABOVE YOU!
!
WHOAHHH!
M-MY EYES!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EEYAA...
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UWAAAAAAAAA
HEY! I SAVED YOUR LIFE! I DID, DIDN'T I?!
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YOU... YOU'RE STILL HERE?

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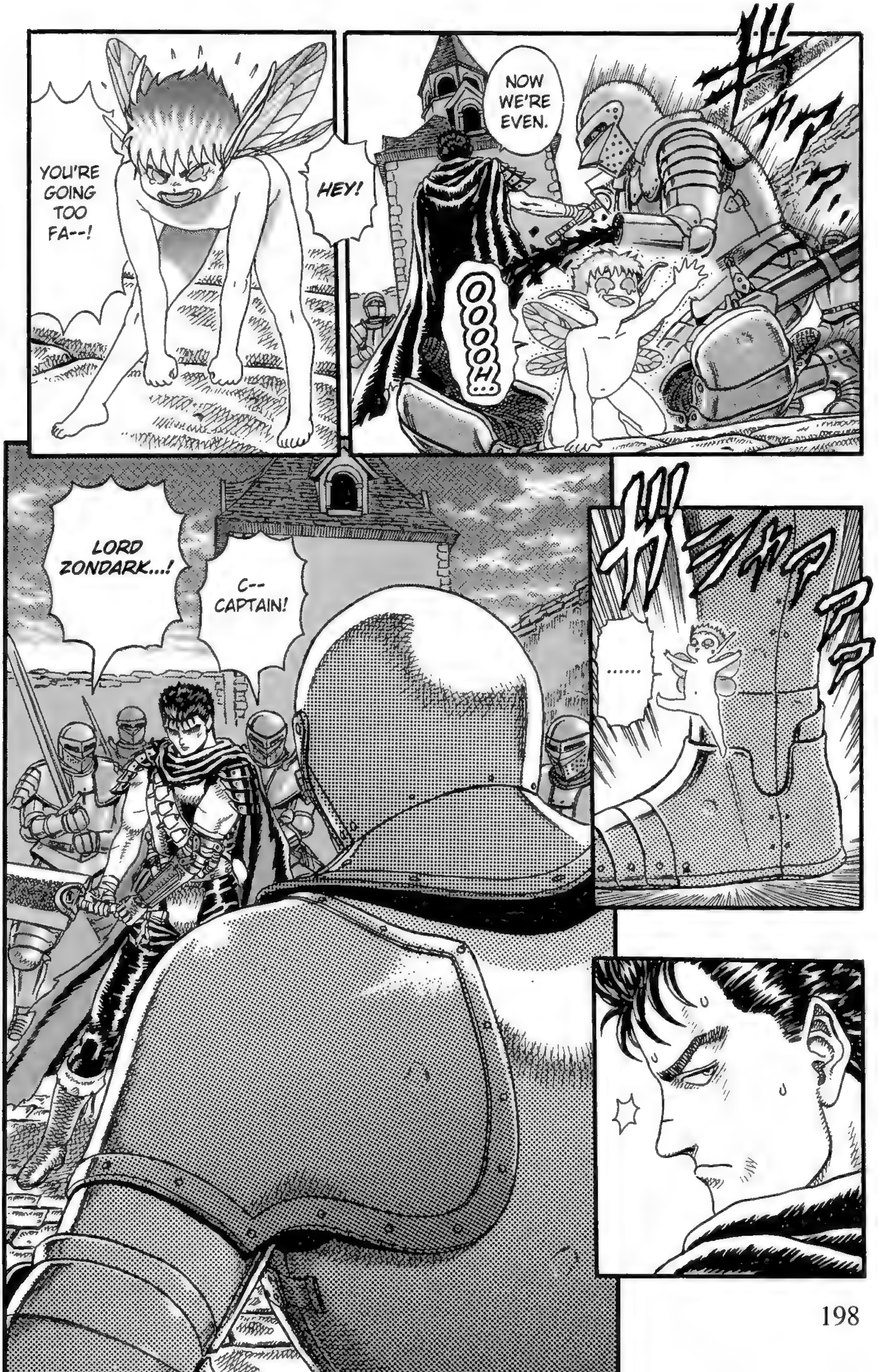
PUHHH!!
LOOKS LIKE YOU *OWE ME* ONE NOW!
KYAAAAAA!!


NOW WE'RE EVEN.
HEY!
OOOOOH...
YOU'RE GOING TOO FA--!
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C-- CAPTAIN!
LORD ZONDARK...!

THAT'S QUITE A SWORD YOU'VE GOT THERE, LITTLE MAN...
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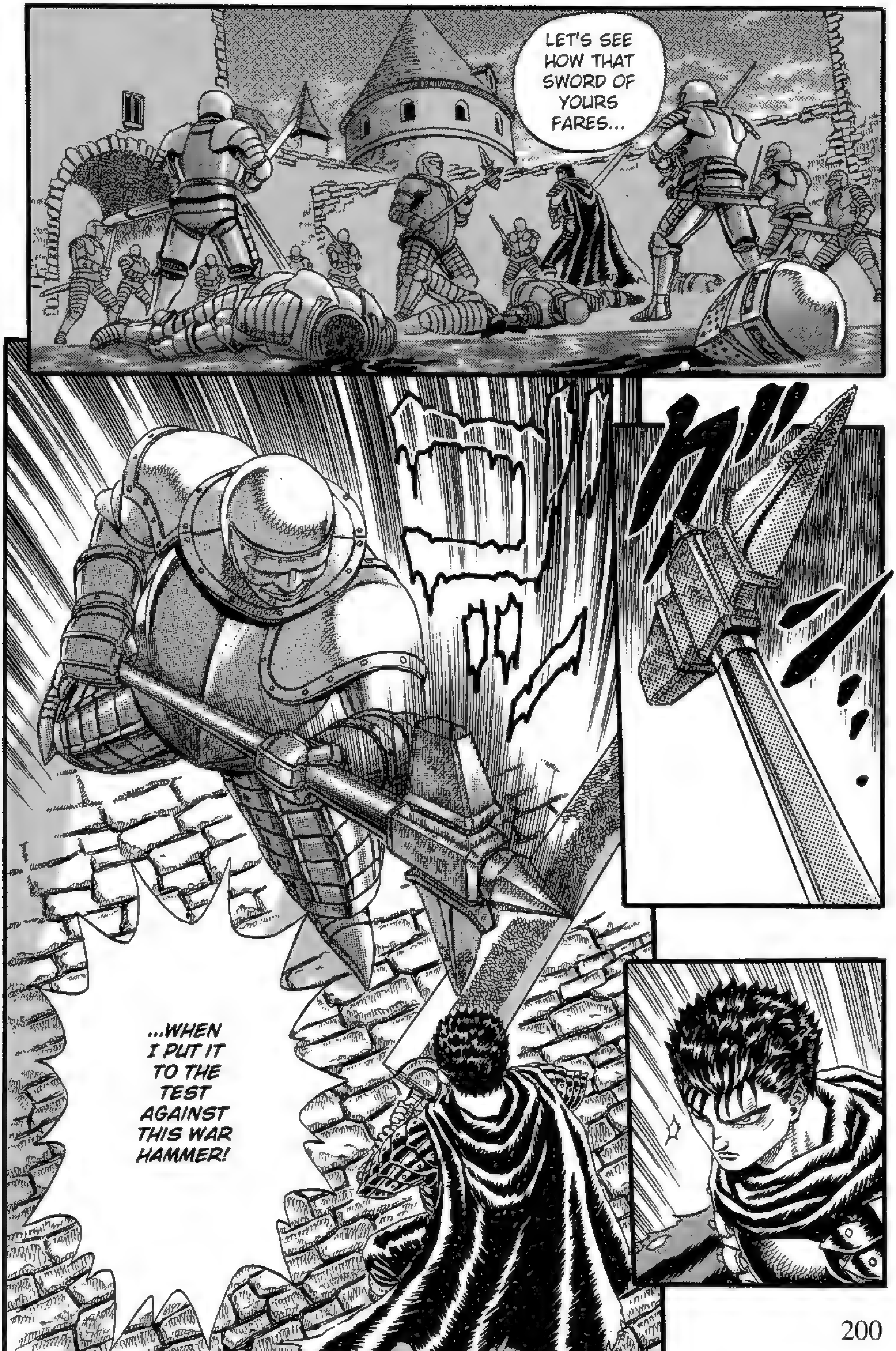
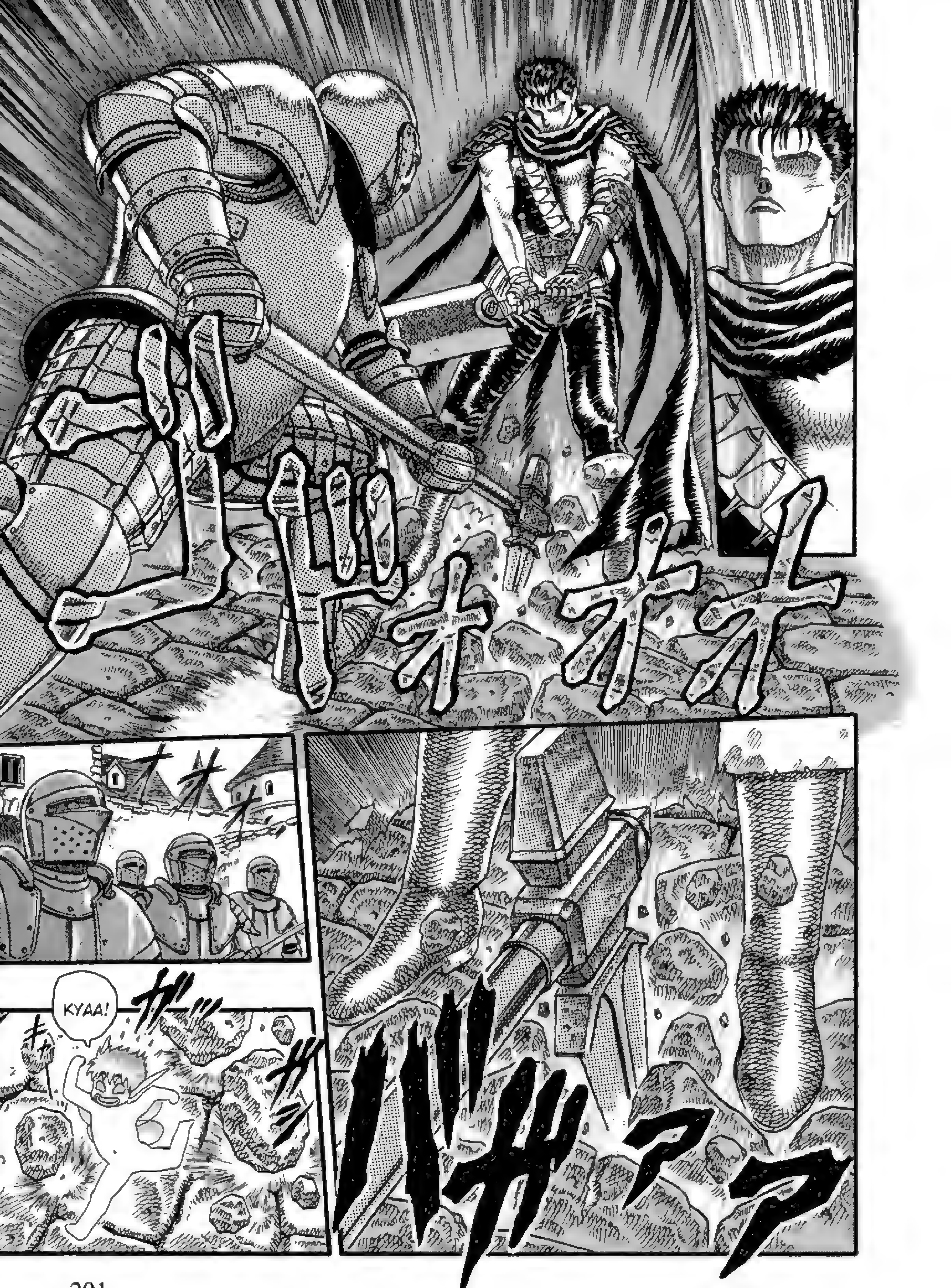
WHOAH...
HE'S *HUGE.*


LET'S SEE HOW THAT SWORD OF YOURS FARES...
...WHEN I PUT IT TO THE TEST AGAINST THIS WAR HAMMER!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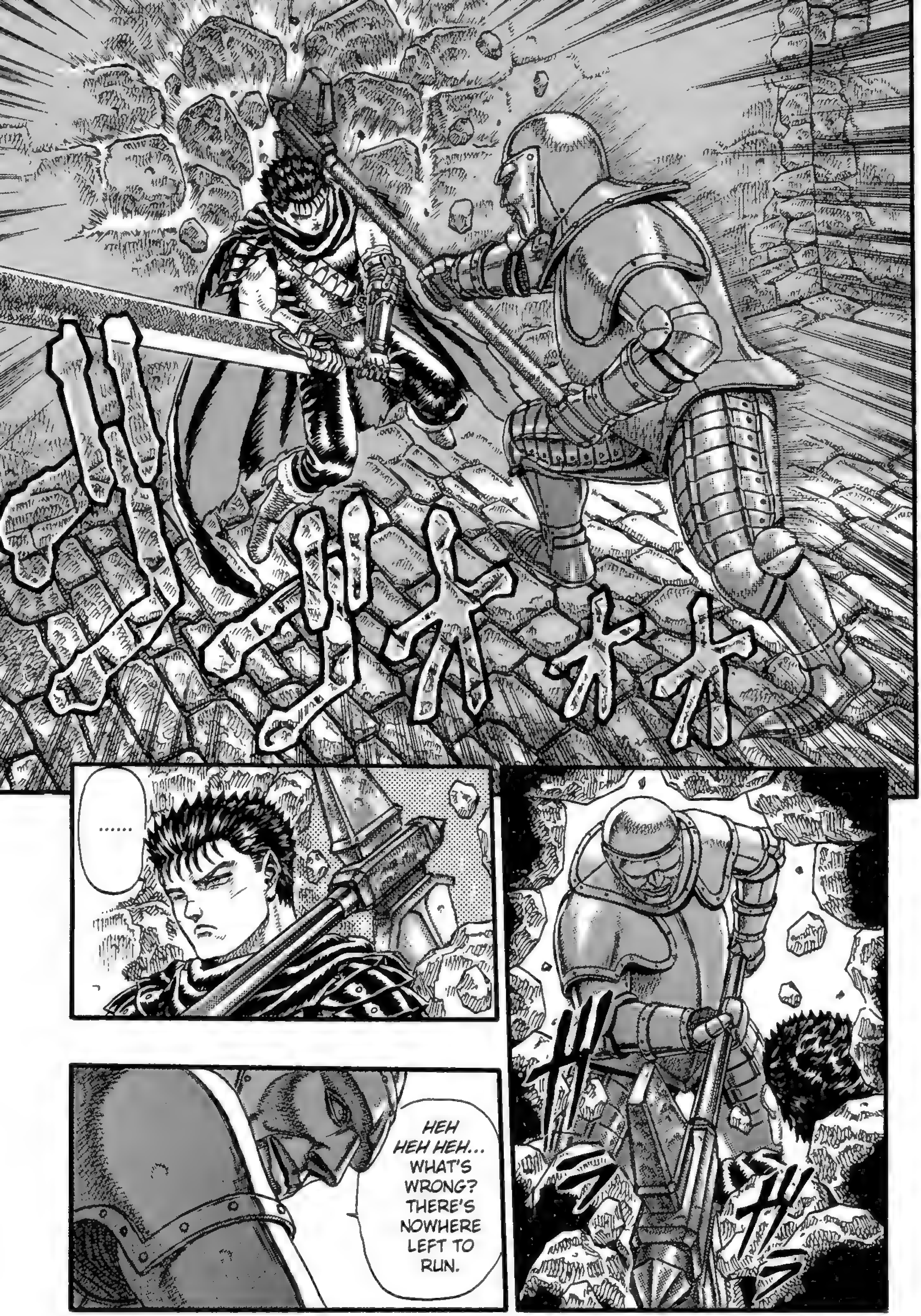
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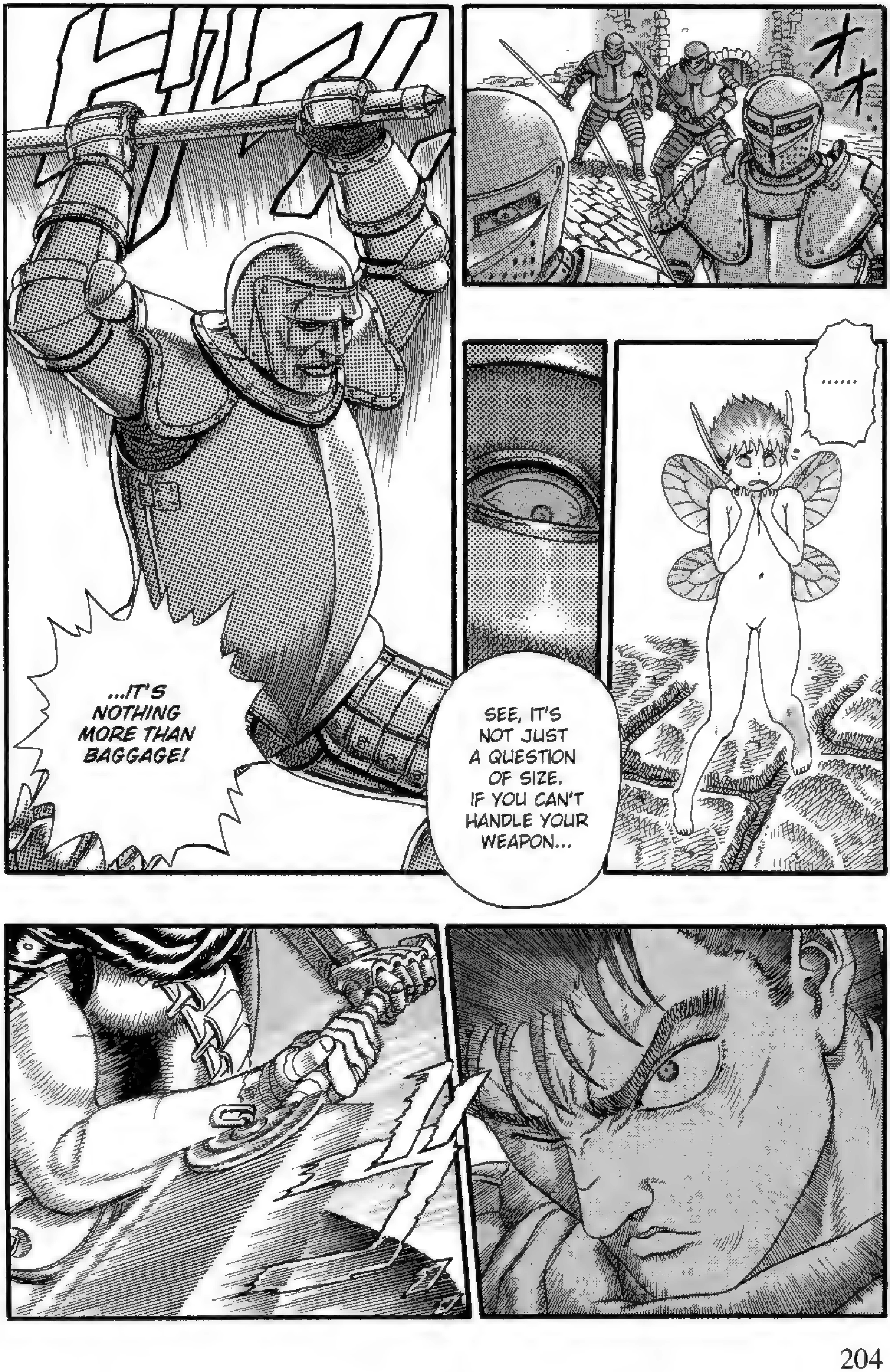
HEH HEH HEH… WHAT'S WRONG? THERE'S NOWHERE LEFT TO RUN.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...IT'S NOTHING MORE THAN BAGGAGE!
SEE, IT'S NOT JUST A QUESTION OF SIZE. IF YOU CAN'T HANDLE YOUR WEAPON...

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C-- CAPTAIN!
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-AH-- AHHHHH!-
COULDN'T AGREE MORE.
!
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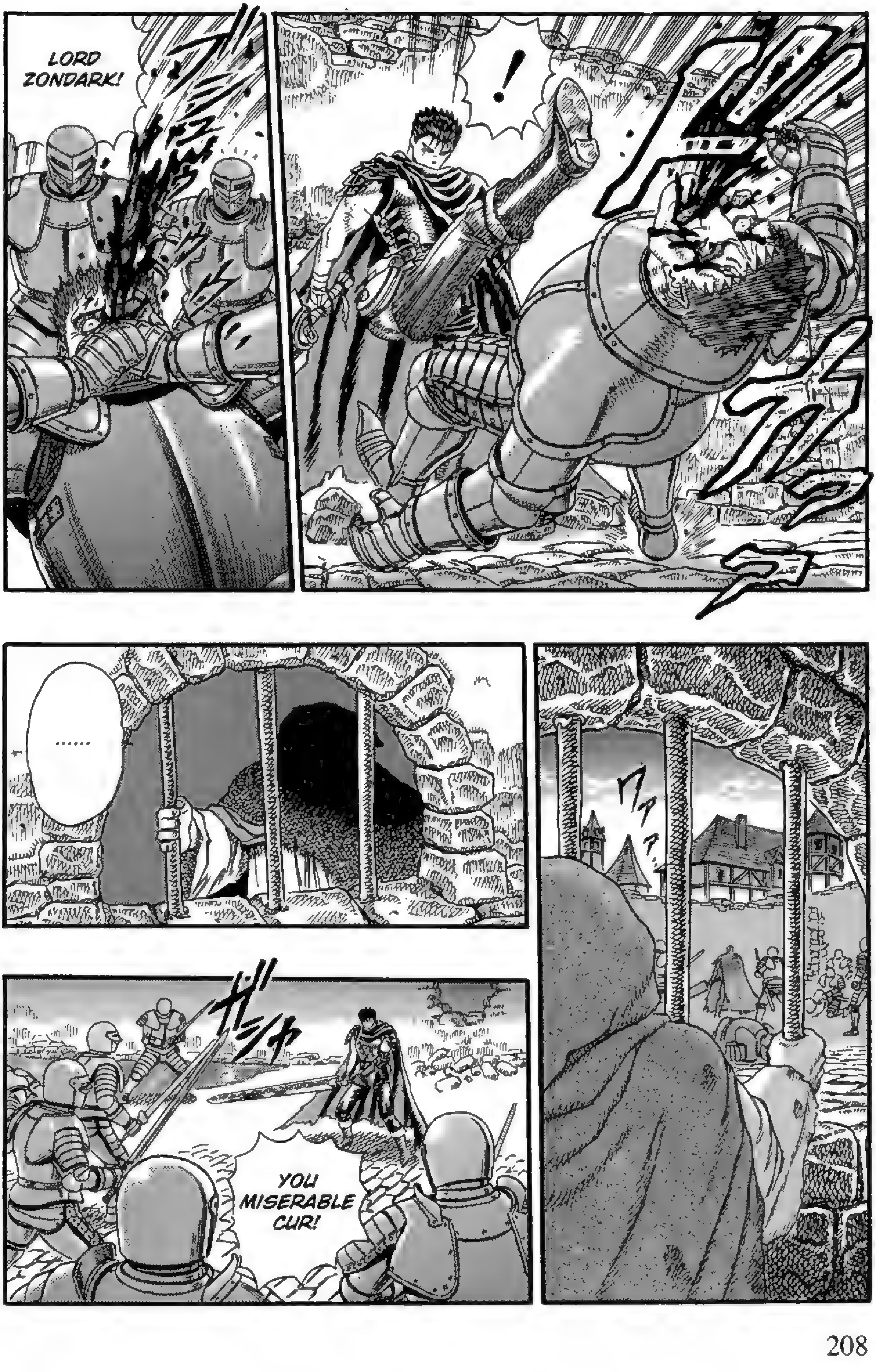
-:UGGGHH...:-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LORD ZONDARK!
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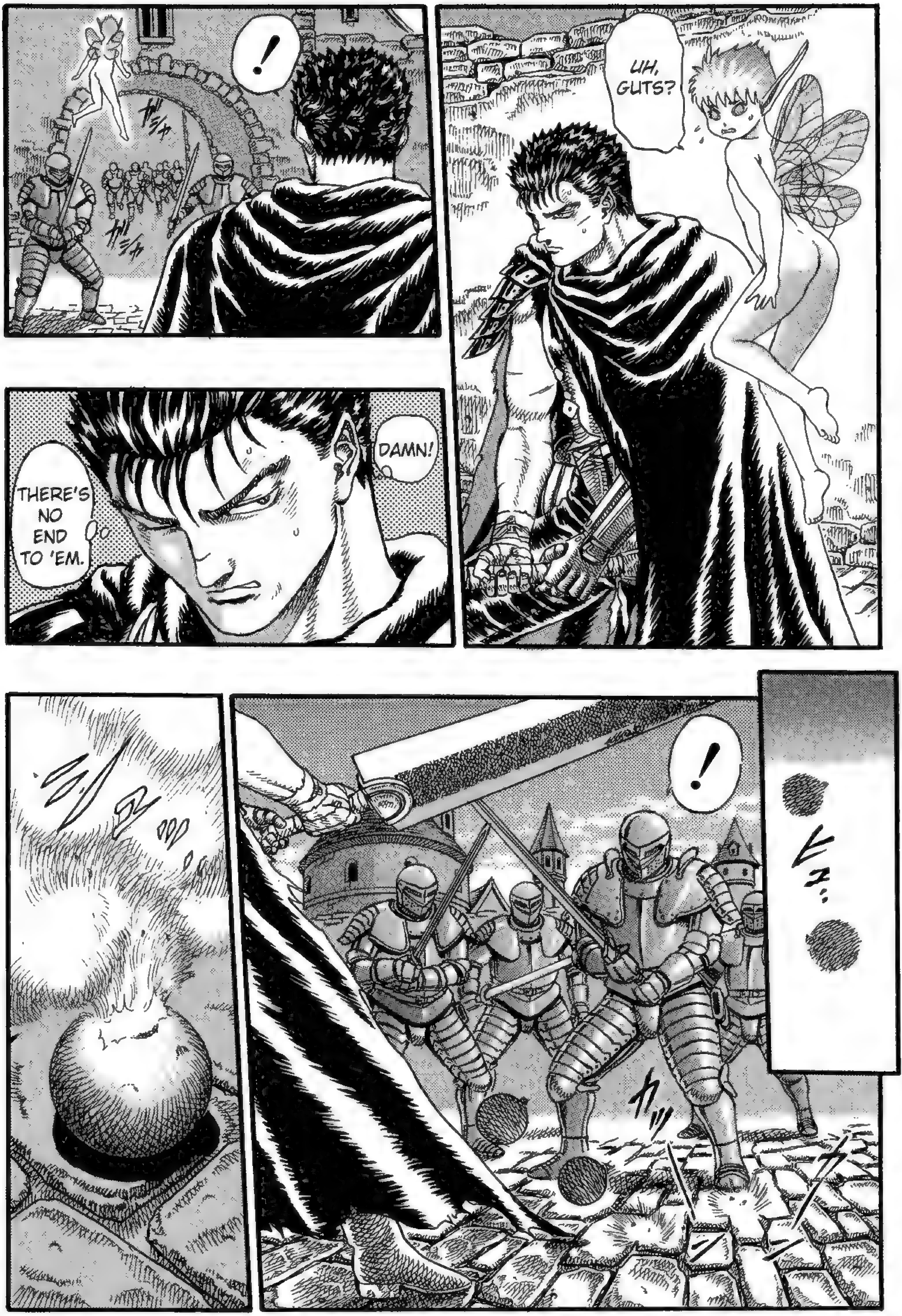
YOU MISERABLE CUR!


UH, GUTS?
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DAMN!
THERE'S NO END TO 'EM.
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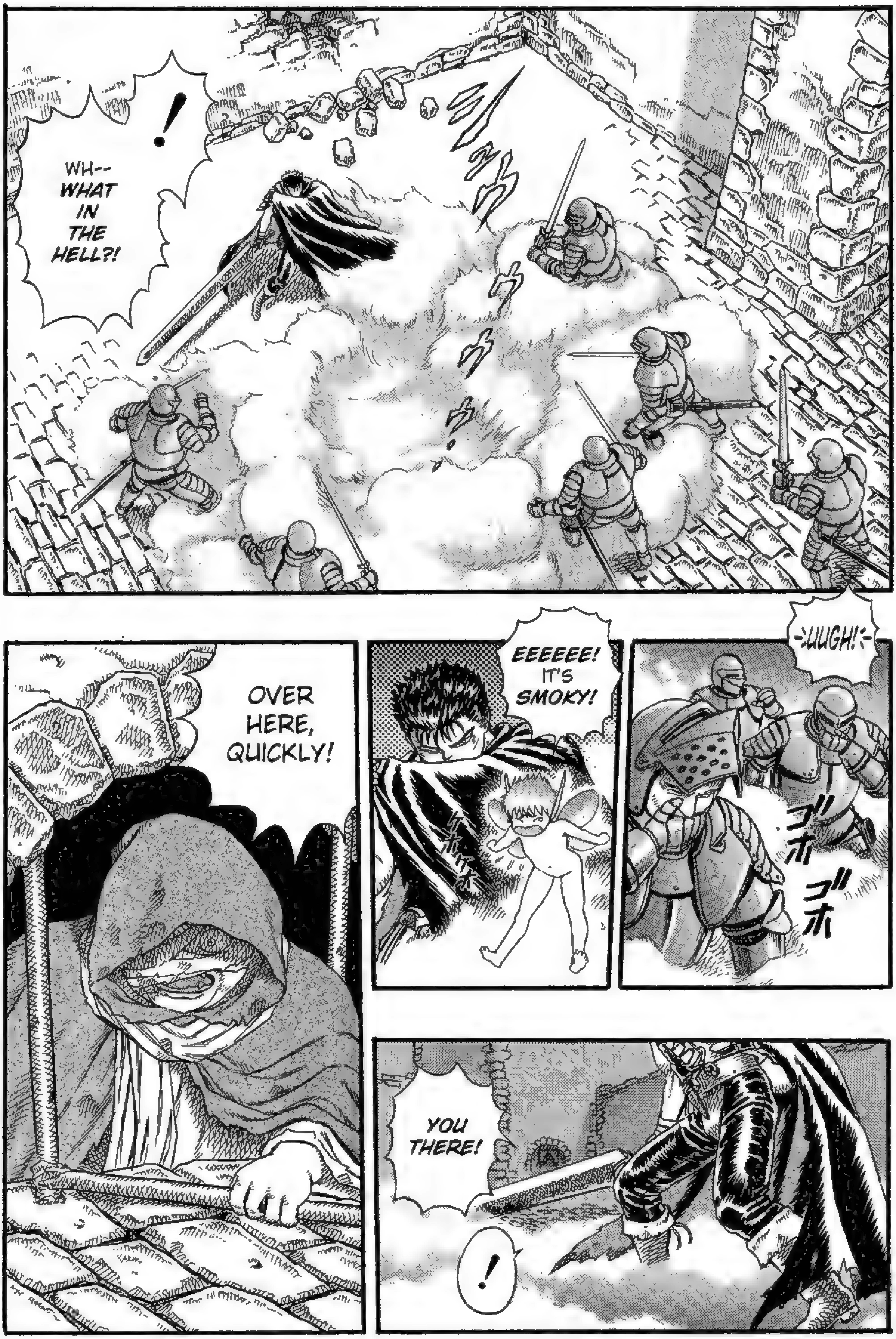
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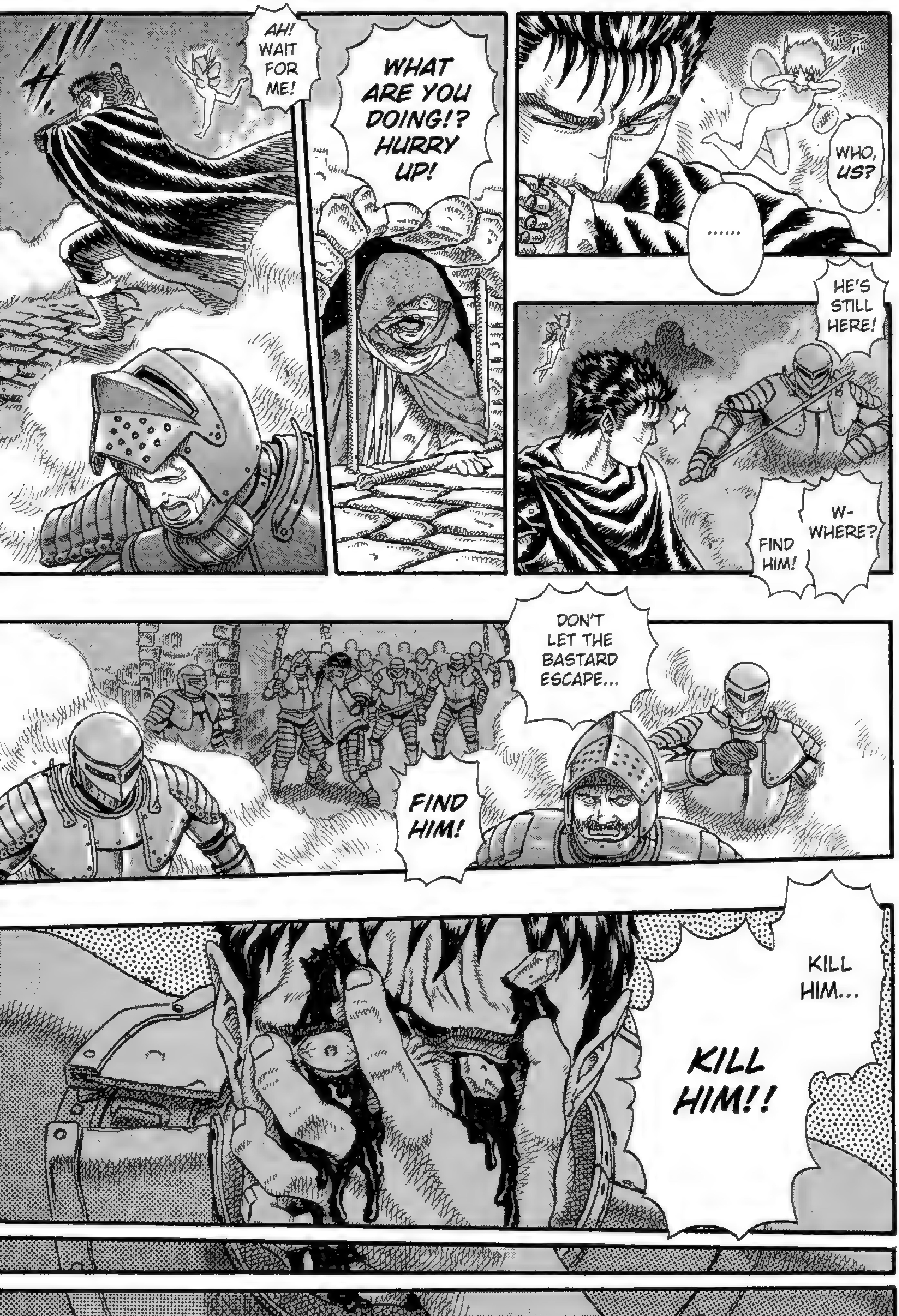
WH-- WHAT IN THE HELL?!
-UUGH!-
EEEEEE! IT'S SMOKY!
YOU THERE!
!
OVER HERE, QUICKLY!


WHO, US?
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HE'S STILL HERE!
W-WHERE?
FIND HIM!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING!? HURRY UP!
AH! WAIT FOR ME!
DON'T LET THE BASTARD ESCAPE...
FIND HIM!
KILL HIM...
KILL HIM!!

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バタン
……
HOW UN-FRIENDLY.

IT'S BECAUSE EVERYONE'S *SUSPICIOUS.*
YOU NEVER KNOW WHEN YOU MIGHT BE ACCUSED OF HERESY, OR BY WHOM.
AND THEY'RE NOT JUST AFRAID OF STRANGERS. ACQUAINTANCES, NEIGHBORS, FRIENDS, EVEN FAMILY...
IN THIS TOWN, PEOPLE ARE A THING TO BE FEARED.
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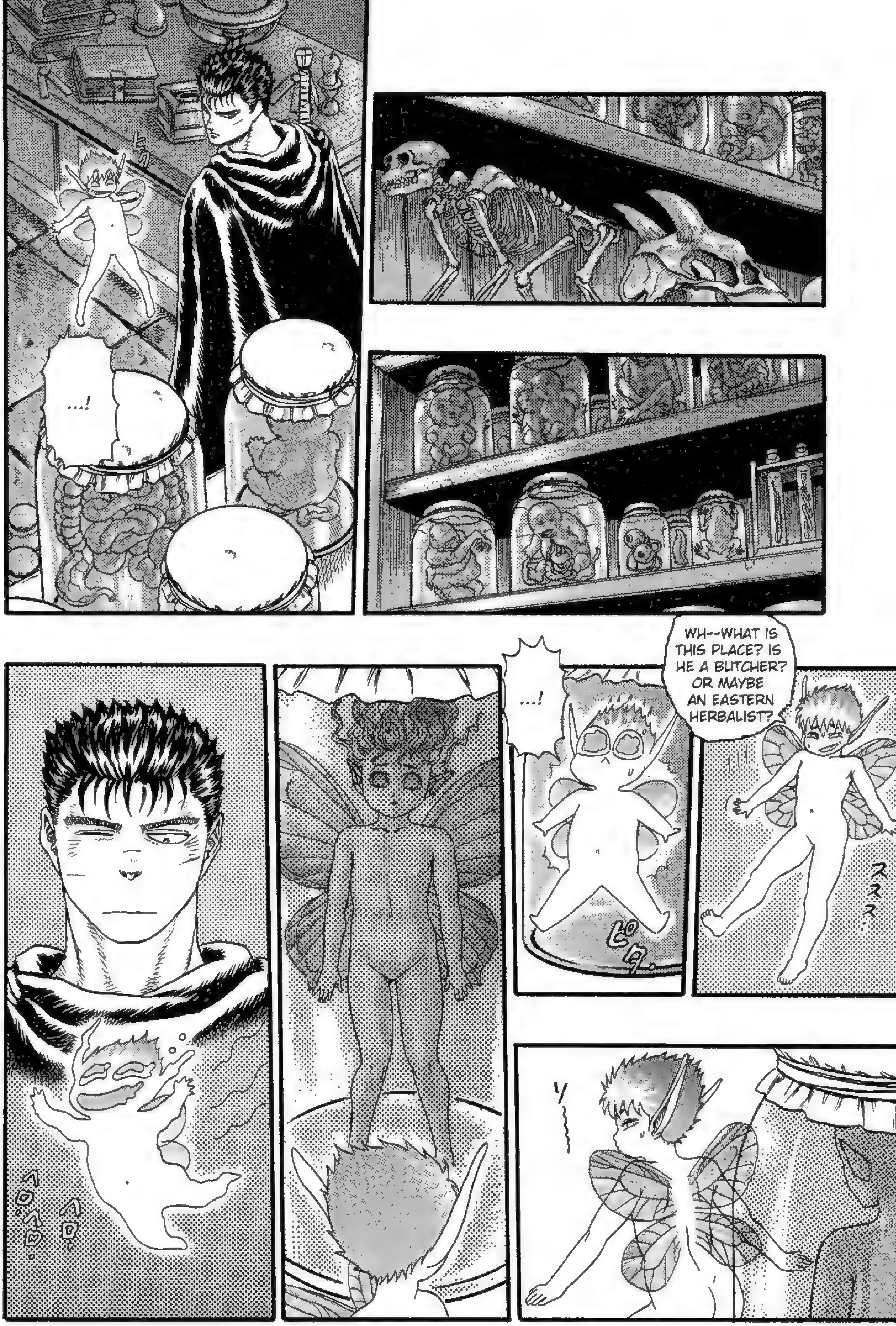
HERE WE ARE.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WH--WHAT IS THIS PLACE? IS HE A BUTCHER? OR MAYBE AN EASTERN HERBALIST?
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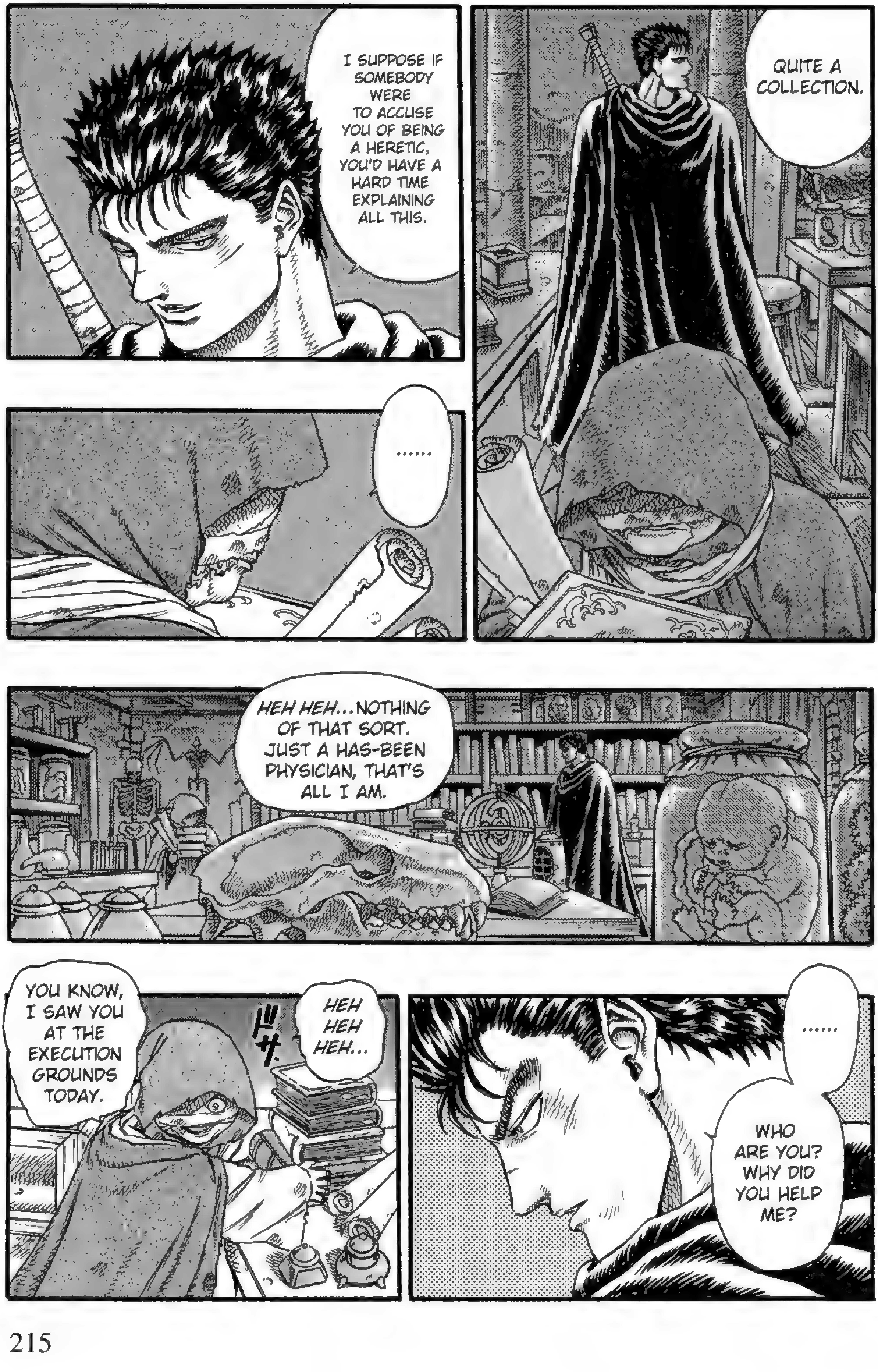
QUITE A COLLECTION.
I SUPPOSE IF SOMEBODY WERE TO ACCUSE YOU OF BEING A HERETIC, YOU'D HAVE A HARD TIME EXPLAINING ALL THIS.
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HEH HEH...NOTHING OF THAT SORT. JUST A HAS-BEEN PHYSICIAN, THAT'S ALL I AM.
......
WHO ARE YOU? WHY DID YOU HELP ME?
HEH HEH HEH...
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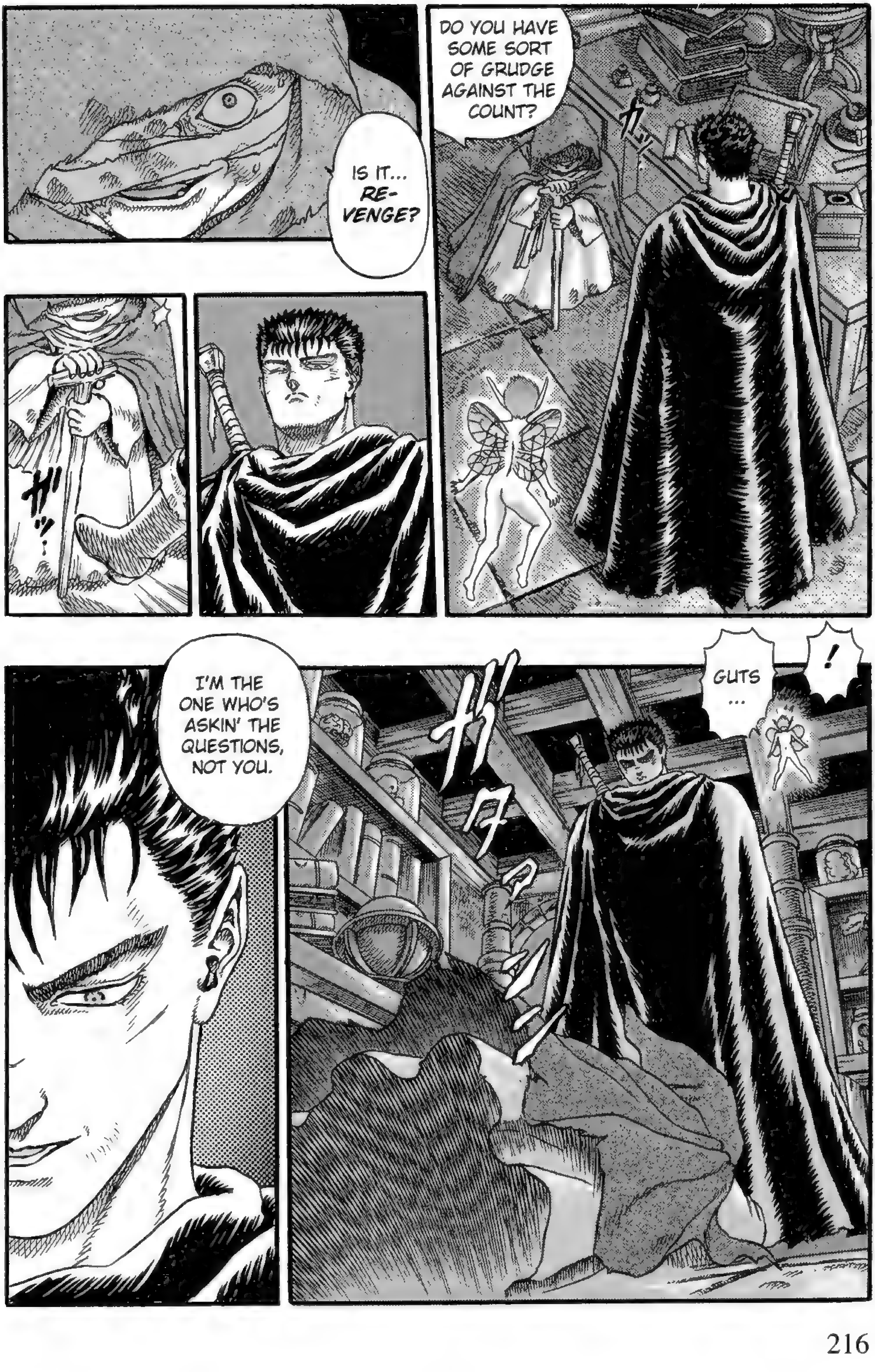
YOU KNOW, I SAW YOU AT THE EXECUTION GROUNDS TODAY.


DO YOU HAVE SOME SORT OF GRUDGE AGAINST THE COUNT?
IS IT... *RE-VENGE?*
GUTS ...
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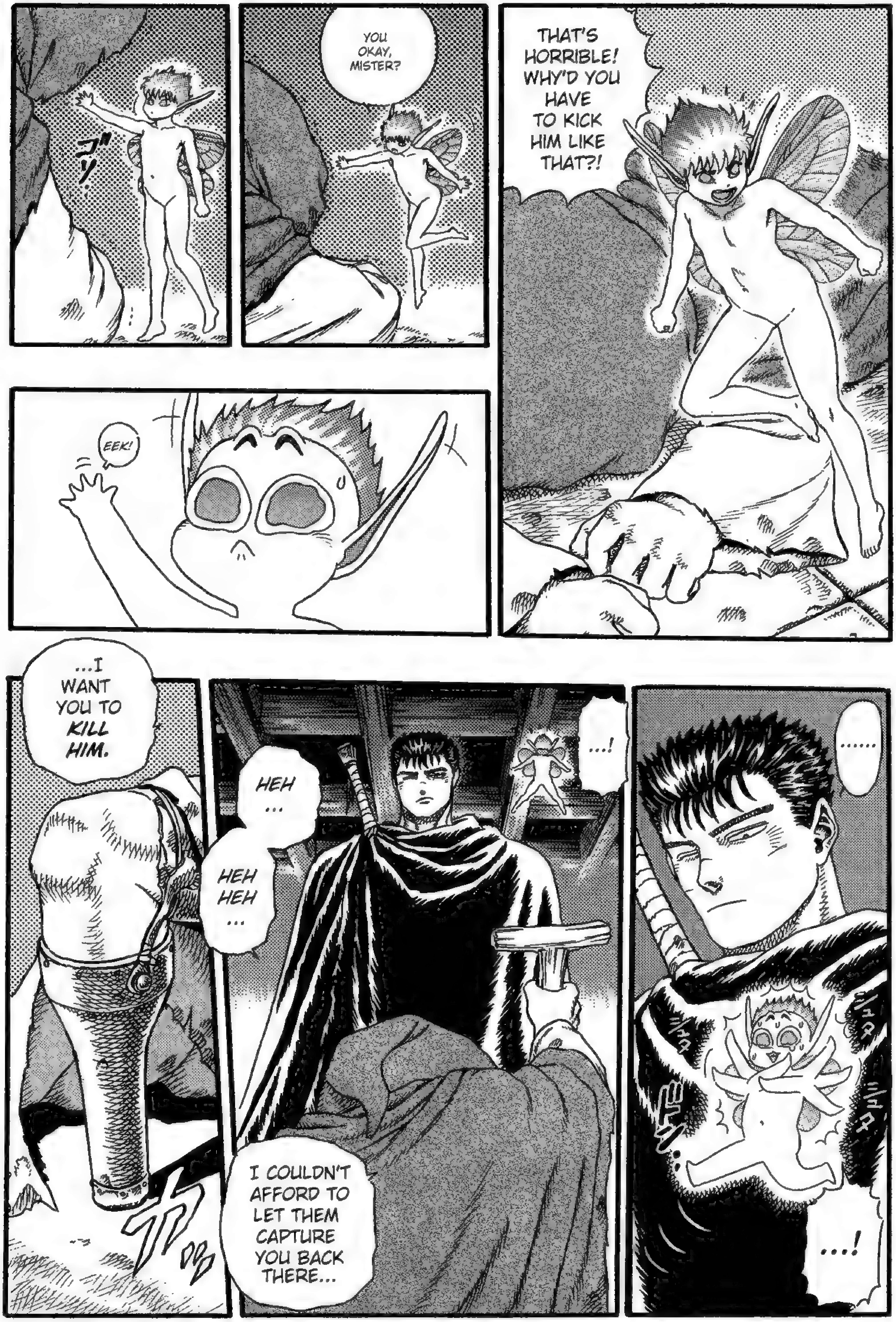
I'M THE ONE WHO'S ASKIN' THE QUESTIONS, NOT YOU.


YOU OKAY, MISTER?
THAT'S HORRIBLE! WHY'D YOU HAVE TO KICK HIM LIKE THAT?!
EEK!
...I WANT YOU TO KILL HIM.
HEH ...
HEH HEH ...
I COULDN'T AFFORD TO LET THEM CAPTURE YOU BACK THERE...
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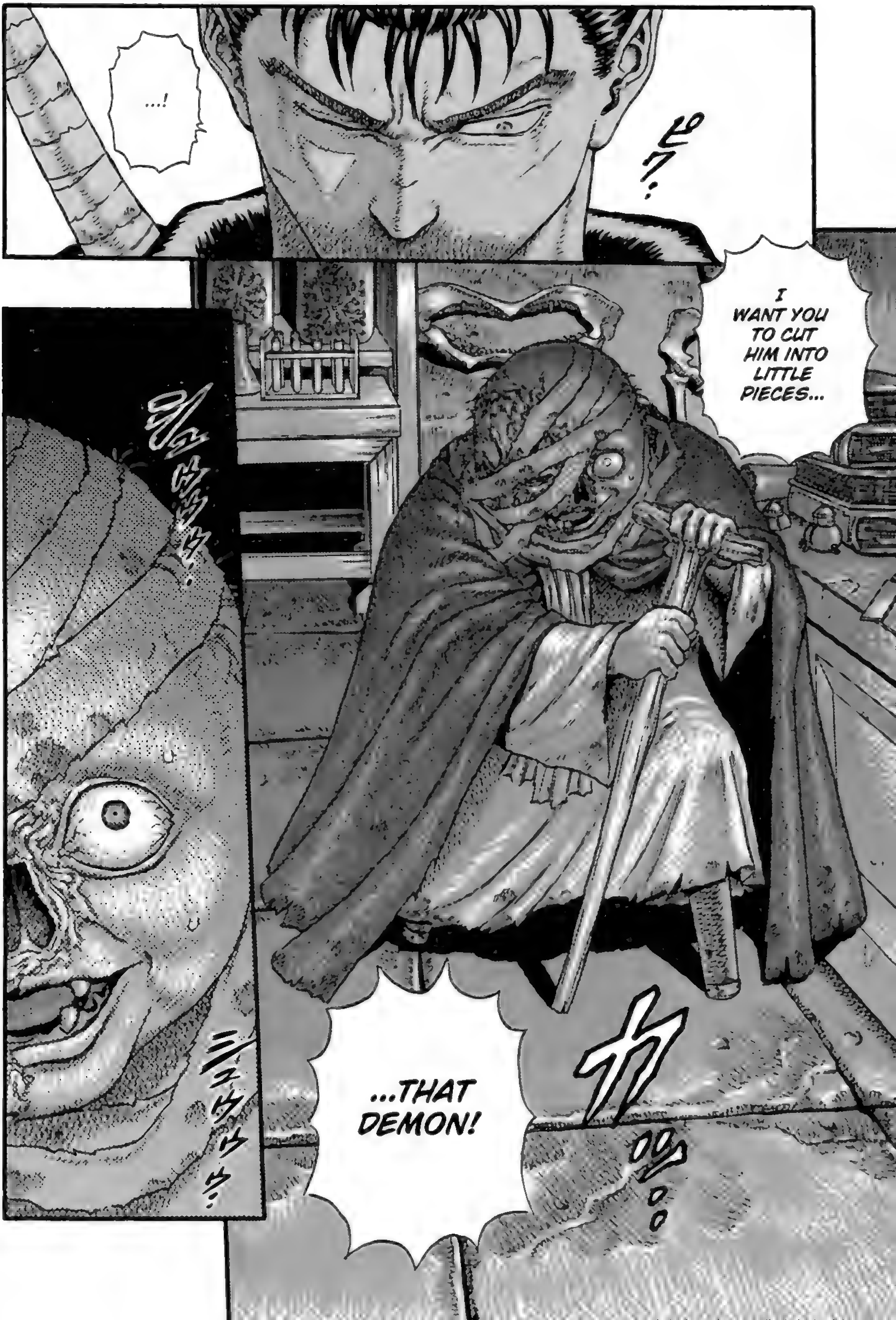
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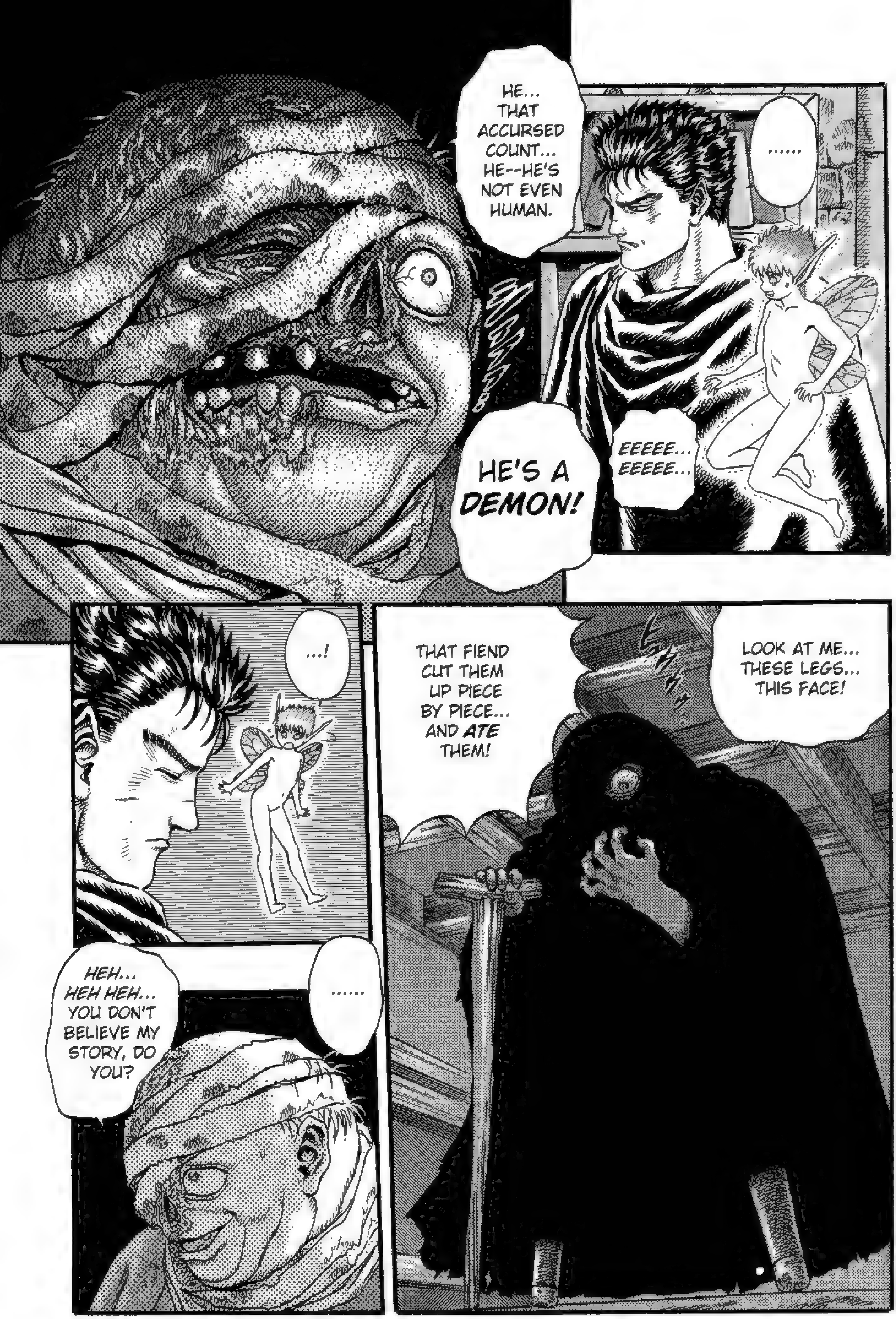
I WANT YOU TO CUT HIM INTO LITTLE PIECES...
...THAT DEMON!


HE... THAT ACCURSED COUNT... HE--HE'S NOT EVEN HUMAN.
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EEEEE... EEEEE...
HE'S A *DEMON!*
LOOK AT ME... THESE LEGS... THIS FACE!
THAT FIEND CUT THEM UP PIECE BY PIECE... AND *ATE* THEM!
...!
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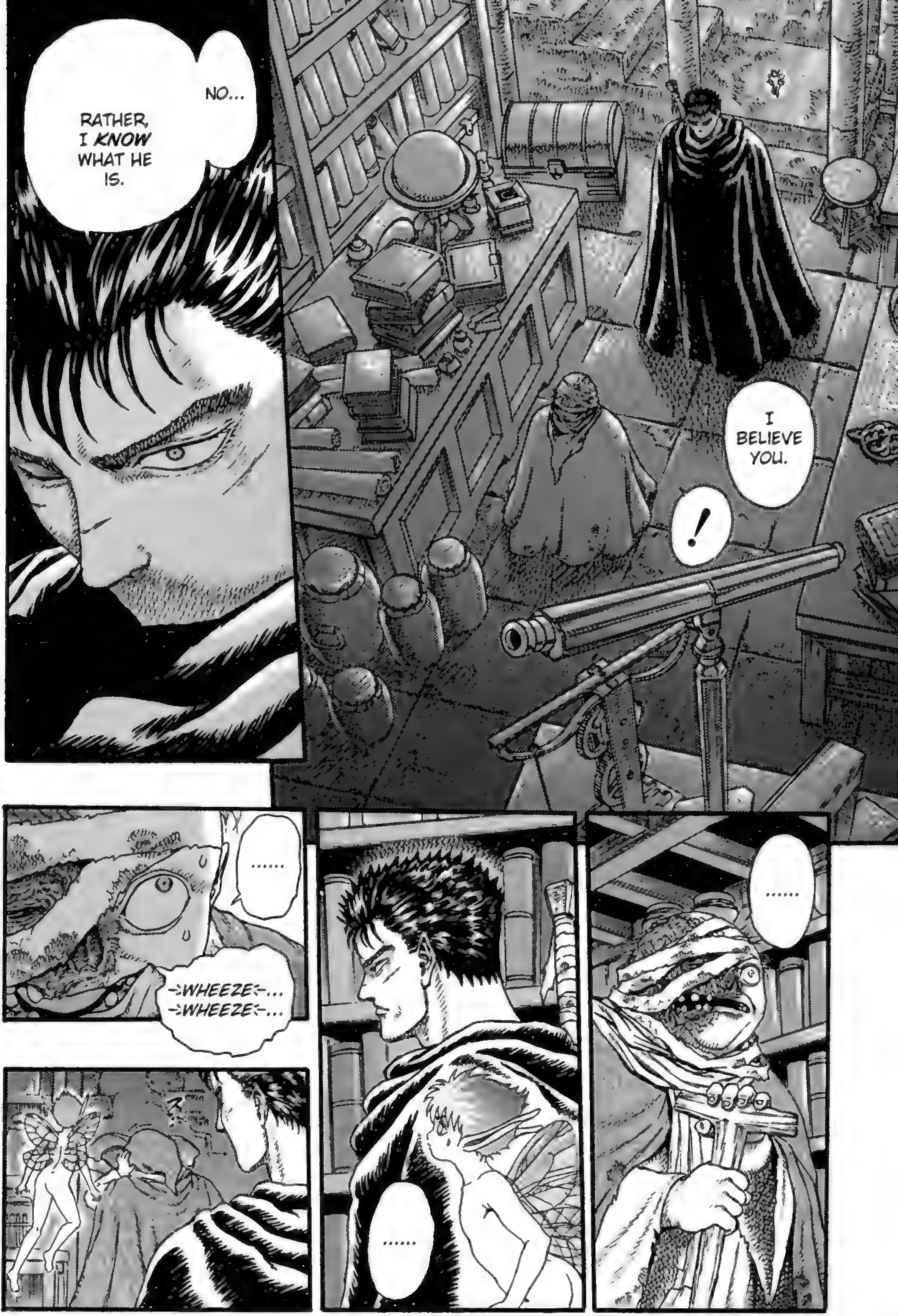
HEH... HEH HEH... YOU DON'T BELIEVE MY STORY, DO YOU?


I BELIEVE YOU.
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NO... RATHER, I *KNOW* WHAT HE IS.
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-WHEEZE-... -WHEEZE-...
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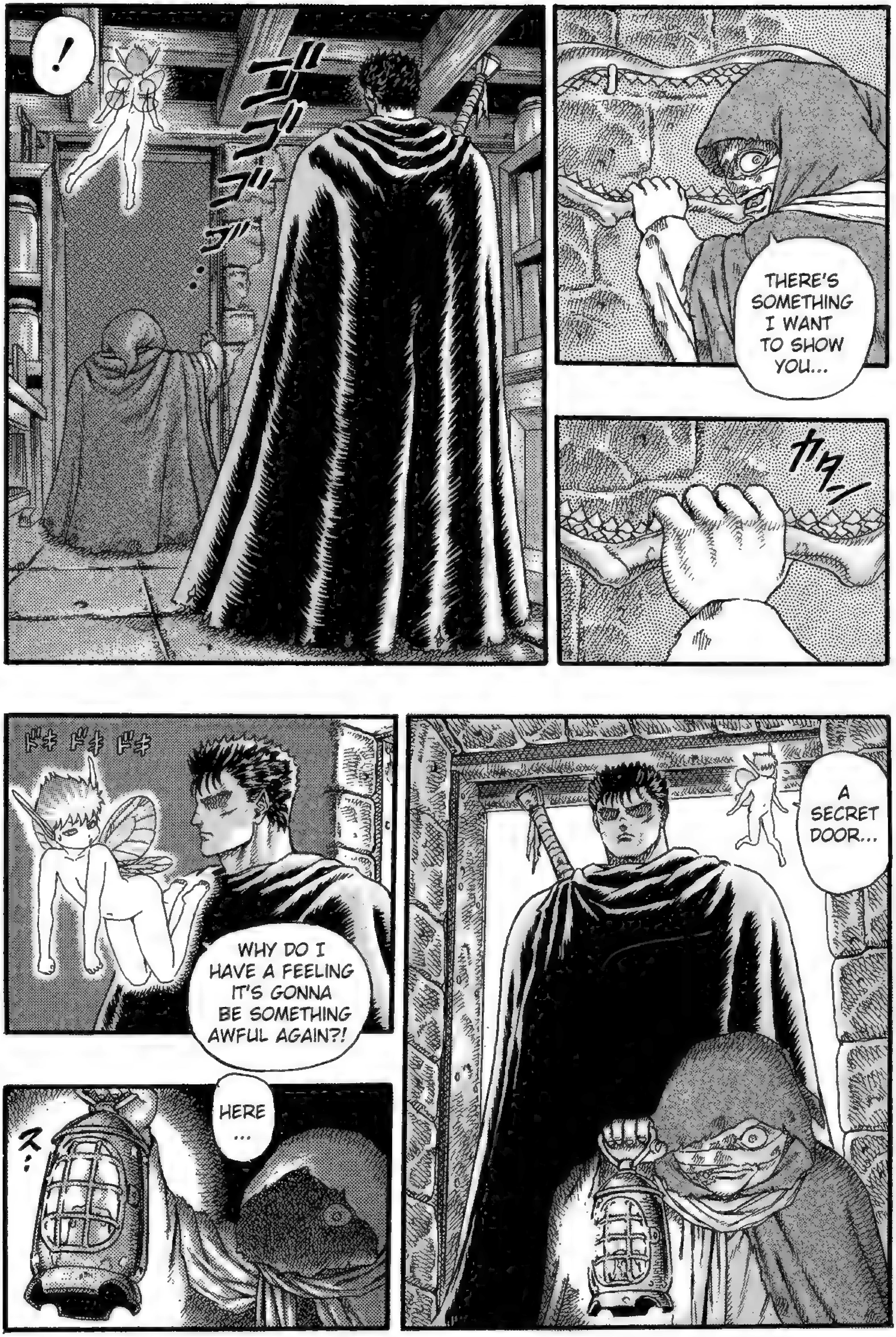
THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT TO SHOW YOU...
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A SECRET DOOR...
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WHY DO I HAVE A FEELING IT'S GONNA BE SOMETHING AWFUL AGAIN?!
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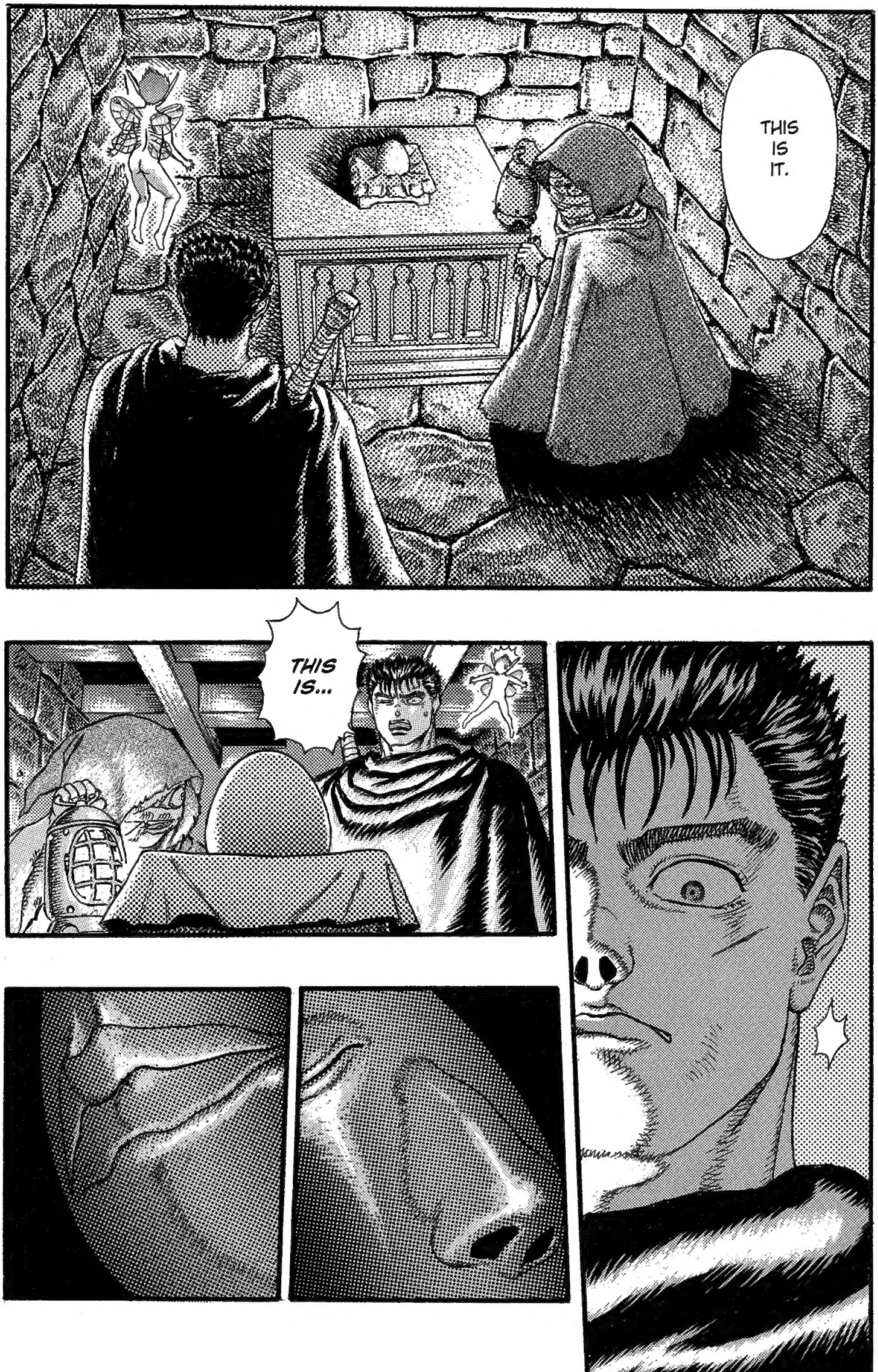
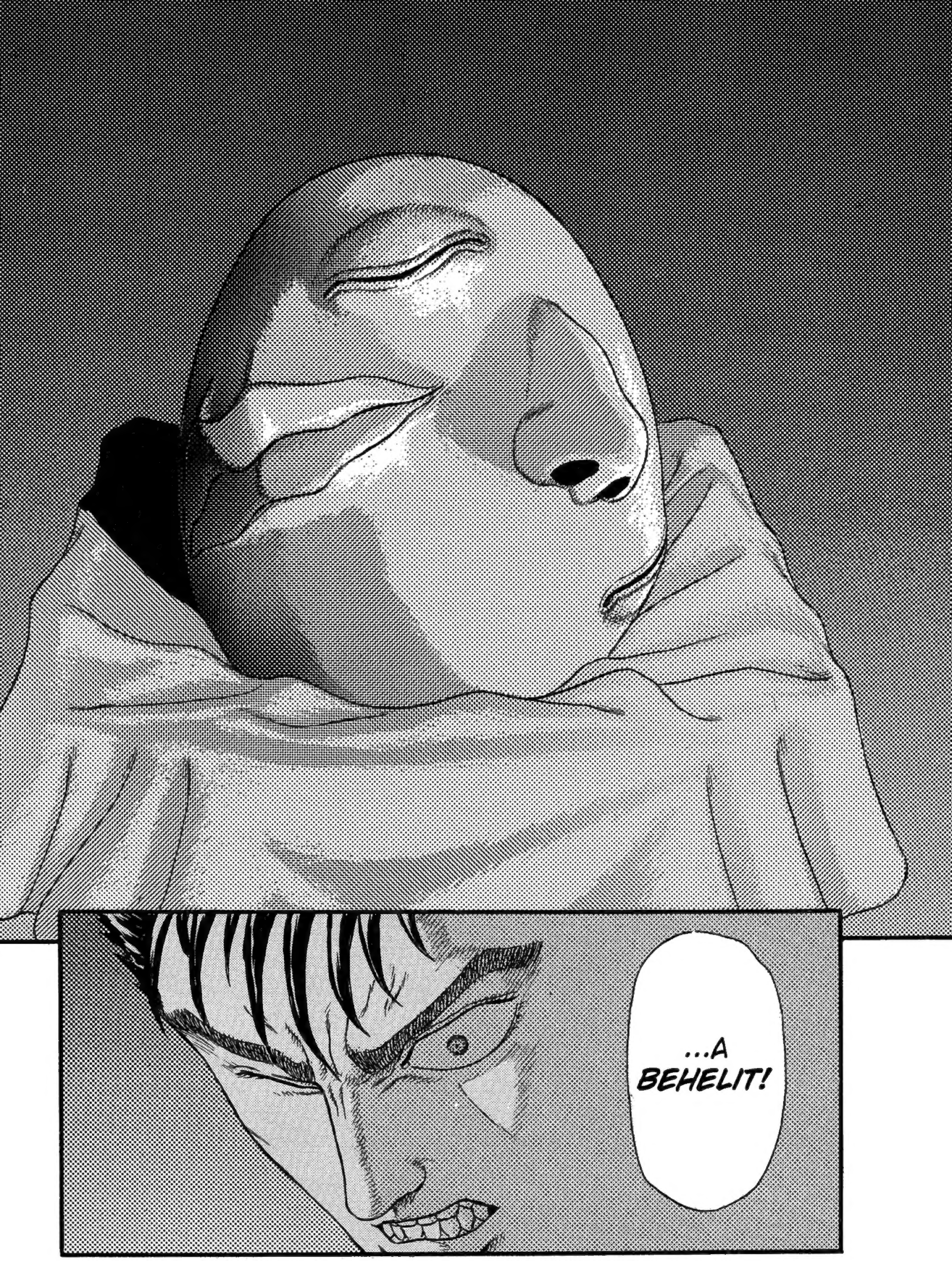
HERE...


THIS IS IT.
THIS IS...


...A BEHELIT!

STOP

This is the back of the book!

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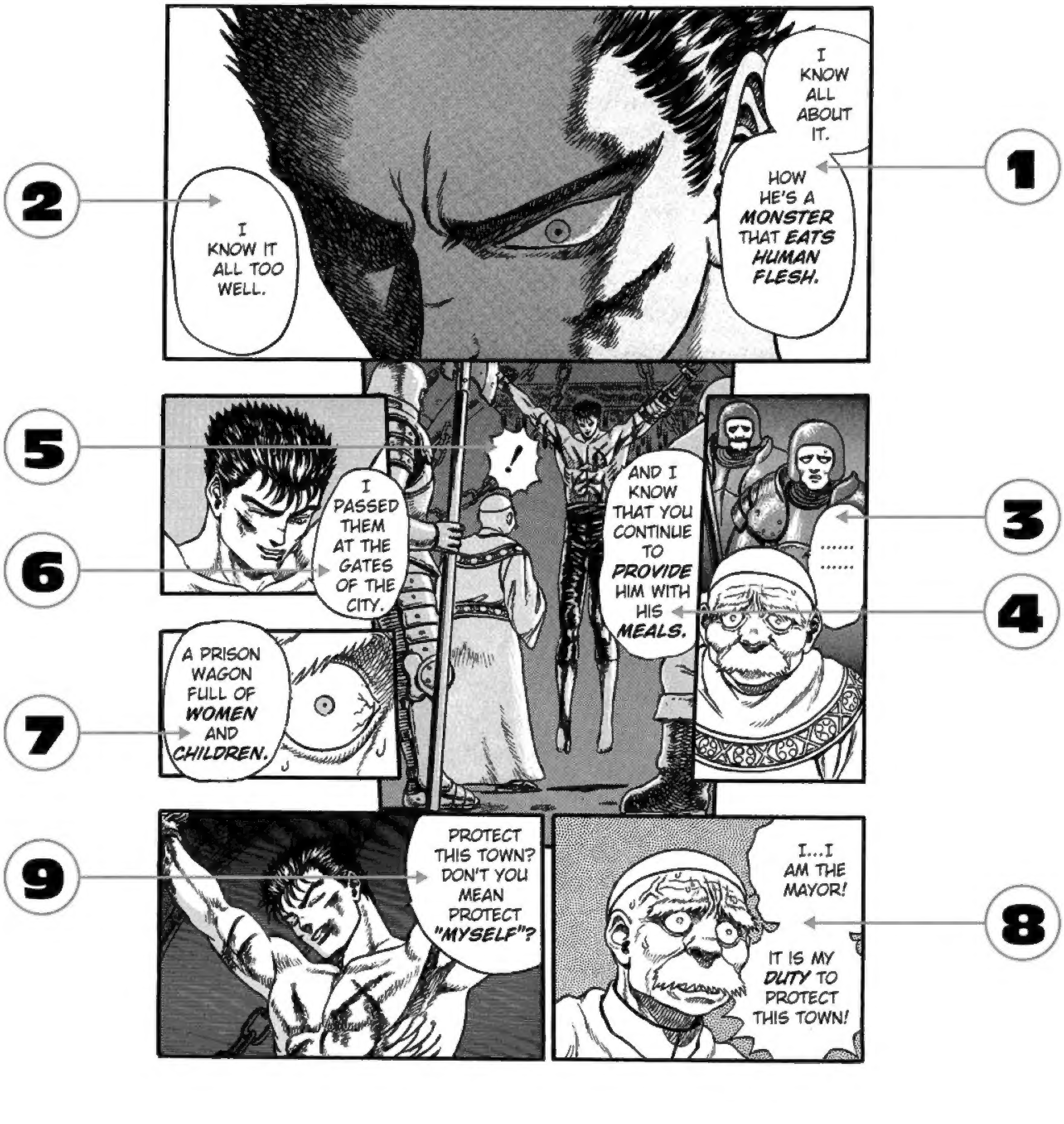
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I KNOW ALL ABOUT IT.
HOW HE'S A MONSTER THAT EATS HUMAN FLESH.
2
I KNOW IT ALL TOO WELL.
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....
4
AND I KNOW THAT YOU CONTINUE TO PROVIDE HIM WITH HIS MEALS.
5
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6
I PASSED THEM AT THE GATES OF THE CITY.
7
A PRISON WAGON FULL OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN.
8
I...I AM THE MAYOR!
IT IS MY DUTY TO PROTECT THIS TOWN!
9
PROTECT THIS TOWN? DON'T YOU MEAN PROTECT "MYSELF"?

COMICS & GRAPHIC NOVELS / MANGA / HORROR

BERSERK

KENTARO MIURA 1 ベルセルク 三浦建太郎

His name is Guts, the Black Swordsman, a feared warrior spoken of only in whispers. Bearer of a gigantic sword, an iron hand, and the scars of countless battles and tortures, his flesh is also indelibly marked with the Brand, an unholy symbol that draws the forces of darkness to him and dooms him as their sacrifice. But Guts won't take his fate lying down; he'll cut a crimson swath of carnage through the ranks of the damned—and anyone else foolish enough to oppose him! Accompanied by Puck the Elf, more an annoyance than a companion, Guts relentlessly follows a dark, bloodstained path that leads only to death . . . or vengeance.

Created by Kentaro Miura, *Berserk* is manga mayhem to the extreme—violent, horrifying, and mercilessly funny—and the wellspring for the internationally popular anime series. Not for the squeamish or the easily offended, *Berserk* asks for no quarter—and offers none!

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